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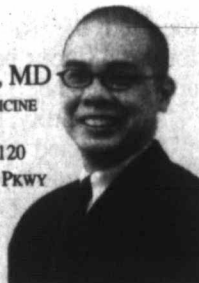
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Gray rancher tries to keep water districts intact

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- A Gray County rancher is trying to hold the Panhandle's groundwater community together.

In an effort to get neighboring groundwater conservation districts to work together, the Texas Legislature created Groundwater Management Areas, or GMAs. It was an outgrowth of warring districts that were newly formed downstate, but more recently Groundwater Management Area No. 1, which includes the three

oldest groundwater districts in the state, has started to splinter.

GMA 1 includes the Lubbock-based High Plains Underground Water District, the oldest such district in Texas; the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, the second oldest, and White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the third oldest. The fourth member of the GMA 1 is Canadian-based Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, a relatively

newly formed district.

High Plains is asking to be removed from the GMA. Only part of its district, portions of Armstrong and Randall Counties, including South Amarillo, are in GMA 1. The majority of the High Plains district is in GMA 2, which stretches south across the South Plains. The other members of GMA 2 join High Plains on the south, below Lubbock.

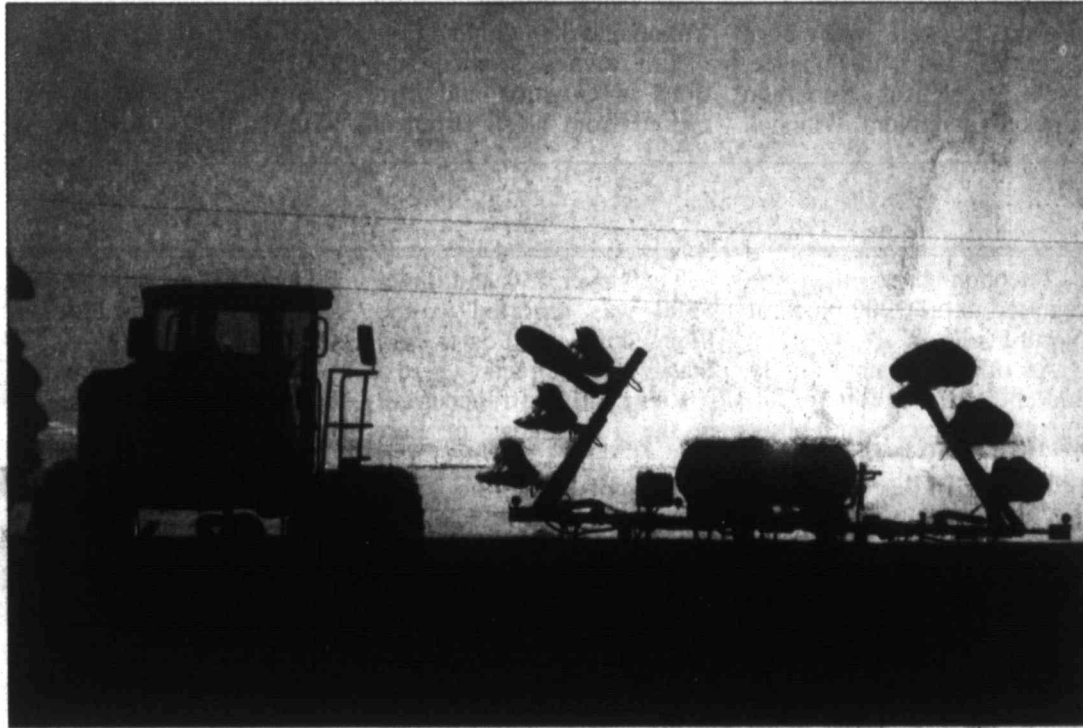
"As a board of directors representative for the Groundwater Management Area," John R. Spearman Jr. said during this week's

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's meeting, "I would like to see High Plains remain in there. They provide balance to Groundwater Management Area No. 1. I'm afraid that if it's just three districts in it, it would become polarized and would have trouble coming to a consensus on down the road."

Spearman, who farms and ranches east of Pampa, said there are several other counties in other parts of the state that lie in more than one GMA.

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Another work day begins



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Farm machinery is silhouetted in the morning sun at Hansford Implement.

Washing hands helps keep staph controlled

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Recently, MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) has been in the news due to apparent outbreaks at schools and athletic departments. Many parents in the area are concerned about their children and how safe they are in Pampa schools.

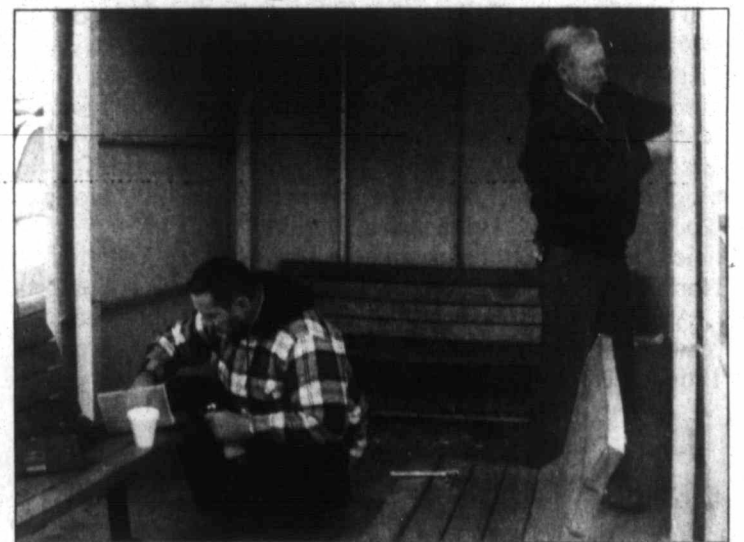
Local athletic trainers and physicians want to get the word out that MRSA has been reported on a few occasions, but many precautions are being taken to avoid

future outbreaks and the public can also make a difference by practicing good personal hygiene.

What exactly is MRSA? According to multiple sources, it is an antibiotic-resistant staph infection caused by a type of bacteria. This type of bacteria is resistant to many common antibiotics such as penicillin and amoxicillin due to the overuse of those medications.

Pampa Nurse Practitioner
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No smoking



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Today is the official start of the Tobacco Free campus at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Mike Gennison, left, and James Smith start to disassemble the smoke hut at the hospital since there will now be no smoking areas around the hospital.

Gas utility companies ordered to replace faulty pipe couplings

AUSTIN — Michael Williams, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, has proposed new stringent mandatory directives to increase the frequency of natural gas leak inspections and to shorten natural gas leak repair times.

A third mandatory directive would require gas utility companies to seek out all known compression couplings and replace them immediately at known service riser installations if the couplings are not manufactured and installed with secondary restraint or are not resistant to pull outs.

Williams made these proposals during a

recent Railroad Commission conference. The Commission adopted the Chairman's directive to immediately remove and replace non-restraint compression couplings at service risers. The Commission also initiated rule-making to begin implementing the Chairman's other two proposals for increased leak inspections and to shorten the timeframe required to repair leaks.

"These directives are designed as preventative measures to reduce gas leaks and to ensure that they are repaired as quickly as

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Pampa engineer honored by state organization

By JOHN WARNER
Special to The News

Gene Barber of Pampa was recently honored with a plaque from the Texas Board of Professional Engineers for more than 50 years of service to the public as a Professional Engineer.

"As governor, I understand how vital it is that we have professional engineers with integrity, expertise and commitment in order for our engineering industry and our state to prosper," wrote Texas Gov. Rick Perry in a letter of congratulations.

Barber graduated from Pampa High

School in 1945 and returned to Pampa in 1956 to join the firm of Roberts and Merriman. The firms later became Merriman and Barber Consulting Engineers, Inc. He has worked here since that time.

After graduating from Texas A&M University in 1951, Barber worked for Brown & Root for seven years. He was the cost engineer when Brown & Root built the Celanese Plant west of Pampa for two years. He worked as a design engineer in the home office of Brown & Root in Houston for two years. He served as cost and office engineer for

the building of a bridge across Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana

"It is 24 miles long and the longest over-water bridge in the world," Barber said.

Barber has been involved with paving and utility projects in Pampa, White Deer, Skellytown, Gruver, Sunray, Follett, Darrouzett, Booker, Higgins, McLean, Memphis, Lefors, Wheeler, Canadian and other communities. He has worked on more than 50 airport projects including Tradewind

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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.
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Bama Oliver, 83

Bama Oliver, 83, a lifetime area resident and past King County tax assessor/collector died Nov 14, 2007, at a care center in Clyde.
 Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday, at First United Methodist Church in Paducah.
 Arrangements are under

the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.
 Survivors include Mrs. Oliver's husband of 62 years, Hermon Oliver; a son, Terry Oliver of Dumont; two daughters, Linda Barton of Clyde and Beth Watson of Pampa; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BURTON, Ollie 'Pete' — 2 p.m., Country Chapel Church, Wheeler.
LOCKETT, James Francis 'Jim' — 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Dorothy Adams, 84

SKELLYTOWN — Dorothy Adams, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Graveside services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer with Rob Lackey, an interim pastor, officiating.
 Arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral

Directors of Berger. Mrs. Adams was born May 30, 1923, at Paonia, Colo., and worked at the air base in Pampa during World War II. She married William Adams on Dec. 16, 1950, at Roswell, N.M.; he died in February 1986.
 Mrs. Adams was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Skellytown.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Nancy Jo Adams; her parents, Charles Franklin Phillips and Leola Branson; a brother, Leado Phillips; and a step-grandson, Zach Doan.
 Survivors include four sons, Dan Adams and Stephen Adams, both of Skellytown, Doug Adams of Pampa, and Billy Adams of Gunnison,

Colo.; a daughter, April Adams of Pampa; two sisters, Cleo Duncan of Amarillo and Lanieve Owens of Albuquerque, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.
 In lieu of flowers, memorials may be to a favorite charity. Condolences may be submitted to www.brownfuneraldirectors.net.

James Francis (Jim) Lockett Sr., 92

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — James Francis (Jim) Lockett, Sr., 92, died Nov. 12, 2007, at Oklahoma City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lockett was born Sept. 23, 1915, in Palisade, Neb., to Rufus Anderson Lockett and Nora Winchell

Lockett. His mother died when he was 9-years-old and he was reared in Missouri by his grandparents.

He married Margaret Nadean Randall on Nov. 17, 1936, and they were married 63 1/2 years when she passed away on July 7, 2000. They were the parents of three daughters and a son. They came to Oklahoma from Illinois in 1948, first living around Yukon and then Guymon.

Jim owned service stations in Guymon and then retired from Nash Brothers

Motor Company. After the children were grown, he and Dean lived in Orlando and Tavares, Fla., for several years and then moved to Pampa, Texas.

After Dean's death, Jim moved to Oklahoma City where he lived until his death. While living at Reding Senior Center, he met a lady named Gladys Alexander. She became his domino partner, and they were married on March 2, 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Lockett of



Lockett

Oklahoma City, Okla.; three daughters, Margie Pugh and husband John of Texhoma, Okla., Doris Ward and husband Don of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jo Bono and husband Sam of Plano, Texas; a son, Jim Lockett, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary of Moline, Ill.; and Gladys' three daughters and their families.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, two great-grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday.
Thirteen traffic stops were made.
 A traffic complaint was received from the 600 block of Jordan.
 Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Bradley and Harvester streets, the intersection of 23rd and Charles streets, and the intersection of Dwight and Crawford streets.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1400 block of Williston, the 600 block of Bradley Drive, the 1200 block of Osborn, the 700 block of Bradley Drive and twice in the 600 block of North Sumner.
 Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.
 A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.
Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Harlem and Octavius streets, and the 600 block of West Crawford.
 A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of Municipal Drive.
 A prowler was reported in the 600 block of Naida.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner.
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.
 Threats were reported in the 1500 block of North Banks, the 500 block of Lowry and the 800 block of North Sumner.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner.
 An offense against family and children was reported in the police department lobby.
 Assault was reported in the 1400 block of East Kingsmill and the 100 block of West 30th.
 One alarm was reported.
 Two open doors were checked.
 Theft was reported in the 400 block of West Buckler and on three occasions in the police department lobby.
 Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner.
 Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
 Ten traffic stops were made.
 Traffic complaints were reported in the 300 block of North Christy where an arrest was made, the 100 block of West Foster and the intersection of Foster and Ballard.
 Accidents were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, in the police department lobby and at the intersection of 19th and Faulkner.
 Motorist assistance was provided in the 1100 block of Frederic and the intersection of Tignor and Frederic.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells, where a vehicle sustained \$200 in damages from a scratch; in the 1400 block of North Russell; and in the police department lobby.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets, where a gasoline drive-off occurred; in the 1000 block of East Francis, where less than \$50 worth of gasoline was siphoned from a vehicle; and in the police department lobby.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of South Gray, the 500 block of North Wells and the 600 block of North Dwight.
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1500 block of North Hobart.
 Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of East Darby, the 900 block of Denver and the 1200 block of North Hobart.
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 2300 block of North Primrose.
 Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.
 Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.
 Disorderly conduct calls came in from the 600 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Neel and Varnon, and the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner.
 Foud property was reported in the police department lobby.
 Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.
 A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight.
 Warrant service was attempted at one location, resulting in an arrest.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.
 Alarms were reported in the 1500 block and in the 900 block of North Hobart.
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests Wednesday and today.
Tuesday, Nov. 13
 Jelani R. McNeal, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for two Texas Department of Criminal Justice sentences for possession of a controlled substance.
 Joseph E. Wark, 41, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.
 Kenneth Dale Putman, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on warrants for no running water and failure to appear.
 David Alan Thomas, 28, of Canton was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and no insurance.
 David Perez, 22, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for failure to appear and capias pro fines for consumption of alcohol, open container, failure to appear and no driver's license.
Wednesday, Nov. 14
 Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of North Christy by Pampa Police Department for no driver's license and no insurance.
 Amy Jo Brassfield, 25, of Pampa was arrested by the Gray County constable on five counts of issuance of a bad check.

Christian Bruce, 27, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 800 block of North Nelson for criminal trespass, tampering with evidence and possession of marijuana.
 Fileman Salgado Mata, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for littering and public intoxication.
Thursday, Nov. 15
 Timothy Clemmons, 30, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for assault causing bodily injury, failure to ID as a fugitive, violation of a city ordinance for no running water, and failure to appear.
 Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, Nov. 13
 No reported calls.
Wednesday, Nov. 14
 5:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Mary Ellen on a lock in.
 Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, Nov. 13
 7:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.
 12:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 9:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Fir and transported a patient to PRMC.
Wednesday, Nov. 14
 12:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 12:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Airport for transport to Houston.
 4:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Gray and transported a patient to PRMC.

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'Cinderella'



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Pampa Concert Choir members gave a free performance of their play *Cinderella* to Pampa and Lefors elementary school students Wednesday. This gave the cast and crew an opportunity to practice on stage before the actual public performances, which are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Pictured from left are Diana Mechelay and JaCee Villarreal, who play *Cinderella's* stepsisters, and Brenna Albracht, who plays the wicked stepmother. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and children.

Staph

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Derrell DeLoach said this condition is more common in people with chronic health problems, those who are bed fast and people in institutional settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and jails. "Pampa has had a few reported cases of MRSA in the past, but there hasn't been an increased number of cases recently," DeLoach said. "This is not a new health problem, but it has just received a lot of press recently because of a few deaths. Young kids are at risk because this disease is spread by skin-to-skin contact, in crowded environments, the sharing of toys or equipment and bad hygiene. Children don't wash their hands very often, but this is one way to decrease the spread of the disease."

According to local television stations and newspapers, a seventh grade student from Borger recently died from MRSA. Although the hospital and Borger ISD have not confirmed this is the cause of the boy's death, parents are concerned about sending their children to school and athletics.

Kristin Tucker is a licensed and certified athletic trainer for Pampa High School. She said that the athletic department in Pampa has been taking precautions for a while to prevent MRSA incidents and the spread of the disease.

"Every time an athlete gets up from a training table or is finished using a piece of equipment, we clean the area with a special solution to kill any bacteria that might be on the surface," Tucker said. "We also spray a diluted solution in the air a few times a week in the locker room, training room

and in the weight room. Everyone in the athletic department encourages our students to practice good personal hygiene. We tell all of the athletes to shower after practice, to never share towels or any other products with others and to wash their hands with soap and water as often as possible.

"We also impress to the athletes that if they have any type of open wound they should cover it and keep it clean. If that wound gets worse or starts to spread, we recommend that they go see a doctor to have it looked at and get medication if needed. The athletic department at Pampa High School does everything possible to keep our areas clean and disinfected, but students can also pick up bacteria at other public places like stores around town."

Tucker and DeLoach both said that MRSA is normally carried in a person's nasal cavity and can lie dormant in someone's nose.

"Most people acquire the staph infection when they sneeze or touch their nose

and this starts the spread of the germs," DeLoach said. "There are medications that can be prescribed for use in the nose to help knock out the bacteria. The best recommendation that the medical community can give though is for people to wash their hands regularly. Also, if anyone has a wound that starts to change in appearance they should seek medical attention immediately. If the wound gets red, raised, warm or looks honey crusted, the person should see a doctor."

For more information about MRSA and how to prevent the disease, go to Web site www.cdc.gov.

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Gas

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possible when they are found," Williams said. "Frequent and thorough inspections are the best way to ensure our citizens are safe and for gas distribution companies to make certain their infrastructure is sound and able to safely deliver natural gas to their customers."

The Railroad Commission classifies gas leaks on a grading scale. The current scale classifies leaks into three categories depending on location and magnitude of the leak. The new directive drastically shortens repair times.

If adopted, the directive would require Grade 1 leaks to be repaired immediately, as they are considered hazardous to people or property nearby. Grade 2 leaks must be reevaluated monthly and repaired within 6 months. Grade 3 leaks must be reevaluated within 15 months and repaired within 3 years. Grades 2 and 3 leaks receive a lower-level grade only if the gas leak is considered non-hazardous due to its location and magnitude of the leak. Non-hazardous leaks pose no danger of explosion.

Currently, Grade 1 leaks require immediate repair. Grade 2 leaks are scheduled for repair some time in the future. Grade 3 leaks have an open-ended time frame for repair.

In October of 2006 and March of 2007, certain types of compression couplings were involved in two explosions. Consistent with the Commission's procedure and practice, the Commission began an investigation immediately after each incident to determine the cause of each incident.

In addition, in March 2007, the Commission, recognizing the occurrence of two incidents, both involving certain types of compression couplings, began a targeted inquiry into the continued suitability of these types of compression couplings. The Commission anticipates fully completing this targeted review soon.

In the meantime, on Oct. 9, the Railroad Commission issued an interim directive to all gas utilities to replace and repair leaks of compression couplings that the utilities come across during their regular business.

Williams' proposals are the latest step in this review process.

NYC goes from DC to AC

NEW YORK (AP) — The city that Thomas Edison electrified 125 years ago has completed the transition from direct to alternating current, helping to erase the vestiges of a feud between giants of invention.

The Consolidated Edison utility on Wednesday pulled the plug on direct current service with electric operations manager Fred Simms, a Con Ed employee for 52 years, cutting a ceremonial cable on a Manhattan street.

The change means that Con Ed now exclusively uses the alternating current system invented by Nikola Tesla. The utility is named for Edison, whose Pearl Street Station in Manhattan was the nation's first central electrical power plant, serving 59 customers with direct current beginning in 1882.

In the so-called "war of currents," Edison feuded with Tesla and George

Westinghouse over which transmission method to adopt — even going so far as to publicly electrocute animals in the hopes of showing AC was too dangerous.

Alternating current proved superior as transformers allowed electricity to travel over long-distance wires. As AC gained prevalence over DC worldwide, Con Ed froze the development of the DC system in 1928 but continued to supply New York's major DC customers with the existing system.

In January 1998, Con Ed began to eliminate DC service. At that time, there were more than 4,600 DC customers. By last year, there were only 60.

Con Ed spokesman Robert McGee said some of the city's elevators still operate with DC using rectifiers that convert the utility's AC service.

Barber

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Airport in Amarillo and Perry Lefors Field north of Pampa.

Other projects include treatment plants and water towers in Pampa and various other communities. He has done projects for Westgate Mall in Amarillo.

In addition to being an engineer, Barber is a Registered Professional Land Surveyor, completing many house and lot surveys, ranch surveys, well and pipeline surveys and city maps.

Barber has been married to Erma Lee Barber for 58 years. They have two children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Active in the community, Barber was president of the Men's Fellowship Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church for many years. He is a past president of the Pampa Noon Lions Club and a former member of the Pampa Jaycees.

"I have been associated with Boy Scout Troop 416, the Lions Club Troop, since I was 11 years old," Barber said. He is a member of the Pampa Skeet and Trap Club and is an avid hunter and fisherman. The Barbers have enjoyed traveling to destinations including Europe, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska.

After serving as the president of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at Texas A&M, Barber served as a state director for the A.S.C.E. He is also a member of the Texas Society of Civil Engineers and the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors. He was elected to and served several terms as the Gray County Surveyor. He is a veteran of World War II having served in the Army Air Corps.

In reflecting on his 50 years of service to his profession and to his community, Barber said, "The Panhandle of Texas and the community of Pampa have been a great place to work, to live and to raise a family."

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Celanese Ltd. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 83322, which would authorize construction of an Ethanol Plant located at the Celanese Chemicals Pampa Plant in Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The applicant has provided the following directions to the site: from Pampa, proceed west on Highway 60 and go 5 miles to the plant which is on the south side of Highway 60. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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Viewpoints

November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

According to the American Health Assistance Foundation, November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. I am thankful Alzheimer's apparently does not run in my family. That fact, however, does not prevent my mother from worrying about her chances of developing AD.

She is an avid crossword, puzzlebook and computer game fan and has been for many, many years. This fact I feel quite thankful for since SHE tells me people who do puzzles and/or games are less likely to develop this dreadful disease.

I get my forgetfulness from her. I frequently experi-

ence days in which I rise from my chair only to disremember what I got up to do, or say, or ... well, you get the picture. Other days I feel on top of and in command of every activity I tackle.

Er, unfortunately the latter days are far outnumbered by the former. Oh, well. (Sigh)

Below is a portion of an interview with Diane Marcello, director of Sunnyside Health Services, an assisted living community and nursing home in Sarasota, Fla. The interview is taken verbatim from a newsletter from the American Health Assistance Foundation.

Q: How does a family member decide if and when

to place the person with Alzheimer's disease (AD) in a nursing home?

Skyla Bryant
News Editor

A: This is never an easy decision. Most people prefer to live on their own or in a family home as long as possible. However, when a loved one has Alzheimer's, a long-term care facility may be necessary. In my experience, some caregivers wait too long to make a decision. Often a traumatic event occurs — the person has a serious fall or wanders and gets lost, and this necessitates quick

action. For others, the stress of caregiving and the strain on family relations drives them to make the choice to move the loved one into a home for the aged. In many cases, family members, particularly adult children of those with AD, feel tremendous guilt about placing their parent in a nursing home. They know that people with AD often fear change in their environment and prefer to remain in familiar surroundings. That said, it is wise to plan for long-term care as early as



possible in order to choose the best facility for the individual.

Q: What are the most important things to look for in the nursing home?

A: I encourage people assessing nursing homes to use their keenest senses of observation during both planned appointments and unannounced visits. First and foremost, look closely at the residents. Do they appear engaged and content? Positive interaction between the staff and residents is critical. The staff should be happy and genuinely focused on and interested in the residents, not simply performing tasks. Check to see what types of activities are

available. Is the staff competent and trained to deal specifically with AD? Note the color schemes of beds, chairs, walls and floors. This goes beyond aesthetics, because many AD patients are unable to discern colors very well. There should be a clear contrast between the floors and bedcovers, for example, to prevent confusion and falls. Also, the nursing home should be free of unpleasant odors. If the individual is prone to wandering, it is essential to find a secured facility. For more insight, talk to families of residents. Locate and read the posted state survey of the facility and use the Internet to find more information.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2007. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 15, 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes Peak in present-day Colorado.

On this date:

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor to the Constitution of the United States.

In 1889, Brazil was proclaimed a republic as its emperor, Dom Pedro II, was overthrown.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. debuted as a radio network.

In 1939, President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1948, William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Junior splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1979, the British government publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "Fourth Man" of a Soviet spy ring that included Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby.

In 1987, 28 of 82 people aboard a Continental Airlines DC-9, including the pilot and co-pilot, were killed when the jetliner crashed seconds after taking off from Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

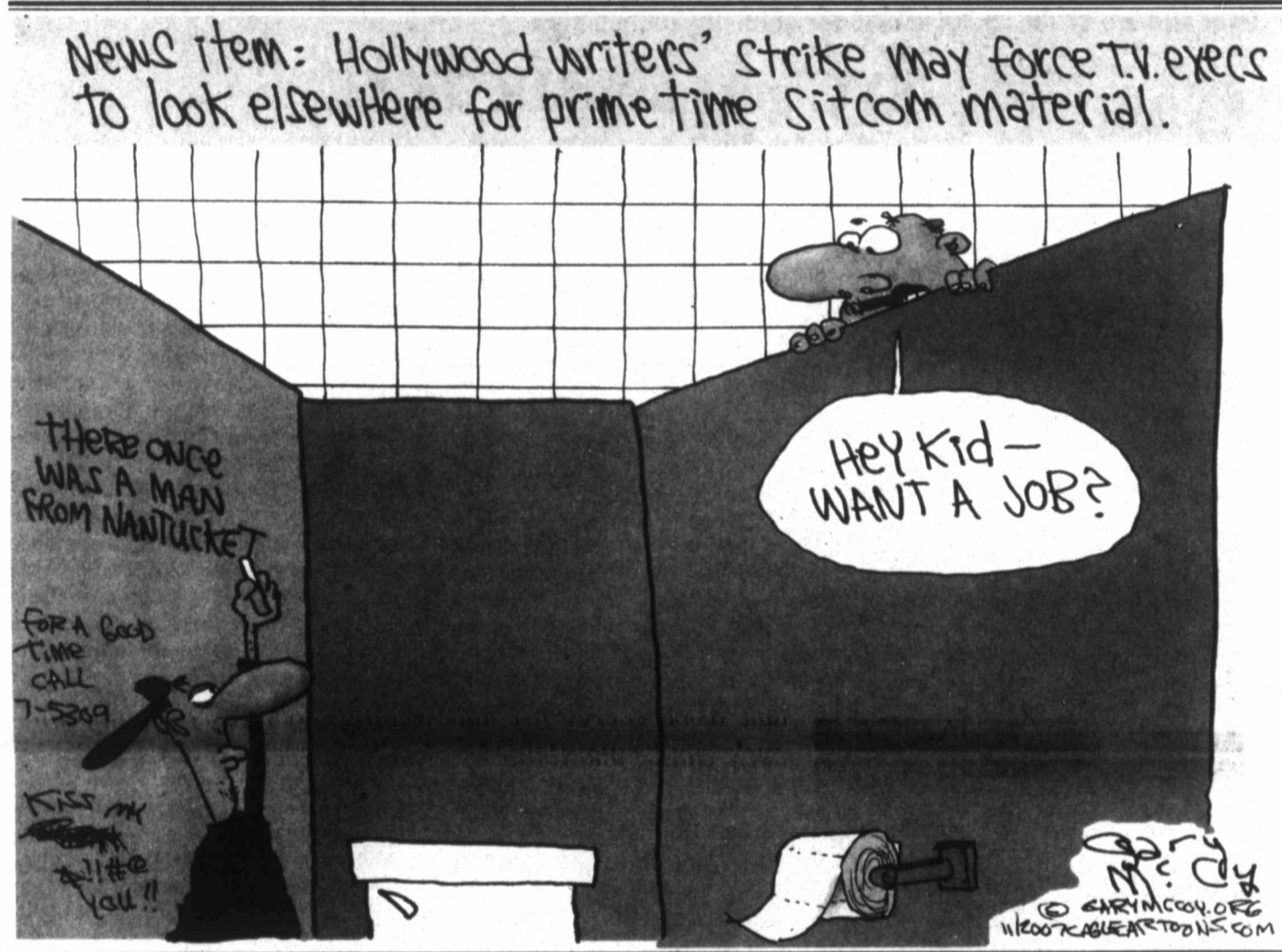
Ten years ago: A day after moving to halt the import of modified assault weapons, President Clinton defended the action in his weekly radio address, saying such weapons did nothing but "inspire fear and wreck deadly havoc on our streets."

Five years ago: Palestinian militants raked Israeli troops and settlers with gunfire in an ambush, killing 12 Israelis in Hebron. Hu Jintao replaced Jiang Zemin as China's Communist Party leader.

One year ago: O.J. Simpson caused an uproar with plans for a TV interview and book titled "If I Did It," in which Simpson describes how he would have committed the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. One of four U.S. soldiers accused of raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and killing her and her family pleaded guilty at Fort Campbell, Ky. (Spec. James P. Barker, who agreed to testify against the others, was later sentenced to 90 years in prison.)

'To oppose something is to maintain it.'

— Ursula K. LeGuin
American writer



Getting a heads-up on mail-merging

Last week, I finished my simple tutorial on basic Microsoft Word mail-merge projects. This week, I'll show you some tips and tricks that will make mail-merging much more useful.

• Use Another Data Source

In my simple example, we used Microsoft Word to create a form letter. The data, a mere four records, was also saved as a Word document. When Microsoft Word is chosen for the data source, a document with a single table is created. This simplistic structure will work fine for most SMALL merging projects. However, when faced with larger, say 100-plus records, Microsoft Word's speed and reliability begin to wane.

In the past, I've had to do rather large mail-merges, some in the 8,000 record range. I chose to use Excel

as my data source. Word was still used for the main document and for the merging process, but the data source changed. I've discovered, the hard way, that Excel is much more efficient at handling large data lists.

At this point, some of you may be wondering why I don't use Microsoft Access (an actual database application) for my data source. In my opinion, it is overkill for most mail-merge projects. Access should only be used when linking multiple tables for one merge operation. Otherwise, Excel will do fine.

To use an Excel spreadsheet as your data source, make sure you use rows for the records and columns for

the fields. For instance, in Excel, Row 1 would contain the field names and Row 2 would contain record 1. Column A might be "first name," column B might be "last name," and so on. Try it; I think you will find Excel much better at handling large mailing lists.

Understand Your Options

Once you have your main document and data source all lined out, all that is left is to push the MERGE button, right? Wait just a minute. Open your original "Donor Main" letter and pull down the "Tools" menu. Choose "Letters and Mailings" and then "Mail Merge Wizard." The Mail Merge Task Pane will open on the left. Skip to

"Step 3 of 6" and choose "Edit Recipient List."

• Filtering Records

What if you don't want ALL of the records to print? For instance, you may want to create letters ONLY for a particular zip code. Notice the little drop-down button next to the "zip code" field heading? Click it and choose one of the displayed entries. The list immediately shortens to only the zip code you chose! Of course, you can manually filter records by unchecking them in the list, but the drop-down method is much faster.

For more advanced filtering, hit the drop-down button on any of the fields and choose "Advanced." The "Filter Records" tab on this window allows you to choose which records will "make the cut" based on

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Eric Spellmann
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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 5

El Paso Times Staff on election day: Tuesday is Election Day and you should get out and vote. The ballot is loaded with 16 proposed constitutional amendments. Most of them will have some kind of impact — probably financial — on all Texans.

Here are the propositions and the El Paso Times' recommendations:

Proposition 1: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

Recommendation: No recommendation. Proposition is provincial and doesn't affect El Paso.

Proposition 2: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Loan money could benefit El Paso students and money will not come from taxes.

Proposition 3: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the

residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

Recommendation: Vote YES. This could help keep appraisals somewhat restricted, though not as much as many would like.

Proposition 4: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Infrastructure requires upkeep, and

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Prize-winner



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Mary Hartley, left, was the winner drawn to win this scarecrow from Heard Jones Healthmart. Ada Westbrook presented the item to Hartley recently.

Merge

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their values. In the previous columns' example, we might choose to send out letters only to donors that gave over ten thousand dollars. I would simply choose the amount field, then click on "Greater than" under Comparison, and then enter "10,000" in the "Compare to" field.

• Sorting Records

The other tab on this window is labeled, "Sort Records." You could use this area to sort your list by zip code (giving you some significant postage discounts). Or, you could sort a nametag mail merge by last name. You get the point.

• Where to Merge to?

Once you're done playing with filtering, close those windows and skip to "Step 6 of 6" in the Mail Merge Task Pane. Here, you have a choice on where to "merge to." Your choices are "Print

..." and "Edit individual letters ..." The second option is usually what people choose. However, with large main documents or large data sources, this option can add HOURS to the actual merging process. Remember, choosing "Edit individual letters ..." actually has Word create a brand new document full of your finished letters. If you have a one-page letter going to 500 people, Word will create a 500 page document! Ouch!

For mailings over 100 records, I recommend choosing the "Print ..." option. Word will merge the first record, send it to the printer, merge the second record, send it to the printer, etc. Your computer will finish the merge much quicker, allowing you to work on other things while your printer handles the job.

As you've probably seen, Microsoft Word has some incredibly powerful merge capabilities. The key, of course, is to practice these steps. In no time, you'll be a mail-merge pro!

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Voting

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upkeep costs money. Delayed repairs and maintenance are repairs and maintenance that will cost even more down the line.

Proposition 5: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

Recommendation: Vote YES. While this is generally aimed at small towns, improving their economies is in the interests of the entire state.

Proposition 6: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

Recommendation: Vote YES. This would benefit people who use personal vehicles for business purposes, particularly small-business owners, who make up the backbone of El Paso business.

Proposition 7: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Although this probably would be used rarely, it could still rein in governmental entities from employing eminent domain excessively.

Proposition 8: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Clearing up confusing language and legalese surrounding the loan process would be a help.

Proposition 9: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

Recommendation: Vote YES. This amendment would help totally disabled veterans with their taxes and help clear up exemptions available to other disabled veterans.

Proposition 10: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for

the office of inspector of hides and animals."

Recommendation: Vote YES. This would abolish an unnecessary office.

Proposition 11: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

Recommendation: Vote YES. This provides for transparency in government and allows the public more and easier access to votes in the Texas House and Senate.

Proposition 12: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Such bonds have been used since 2001, and Texas' transportation growing needs can't wait to be financed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Proposition 13: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Family violence is a serious problem in Texas; this amendment could help prevent continuing family violence.

Proposition 14: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Allowing judges to finish their terms would prevent the disruption of one judge leaving and putting another in office. Also, the judiciary experience of the judge wouldn't be wasted.

Proposition 15: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

Recommendation: Vote YES. Texas has facilities for such research but needs the dollars (and El Paso's growing medical research presence would be a logical place to use some of that money).

Proposition 16: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

Recommendation: Vote YES. El Pasoans are all too familiar with the colonias that have no water or wastewater systems, which forces people to live in subhuman, unsafe conditions. These bonds would help clear up those problems. URL: <http://www.elpasotimes.com>

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Boy Scout Troop 404 will collect food for local food banks from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. If you would like to donate, leave a plastic bag filled with canned or non-perishable food on your porch and the scouts will pick it up. Back row from left are Assistant Scout Master Dan Carter, Committee Member Ricardo Maciel, Patrol Leader Cody Hudson, Patrol Leader Hunter Shay, Dustin Neef, Junior Assistant Scout Master Russell Carter, Dale Montgomery, Senior Patrol Leader Jacob Maciel and Scout Master Bill Schroeder. Middle row from left are Joshua Owen, Ryan Clancy, Chris Garvin, Matthew Porter, James Tabor, Keenan Hughes and Tyler Montgomery. Front row from left are Hunter Hughes, Nicki Clancy, Robert Norris, Dalton Hudson and Bobby Anderson. Not pictured are Johnny Price and Jonathan Cook.

Scouts to collect food Saturday

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The annual Scouting for Food Drive will take place Saturday and Pampa residents are encouraged to donate canned or non-perishable food to benefit local food banks.

Pampa Boy Scout Troop 404 will go by homes between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday to pick up any bags filled with food that are left on the porches of Pampa homes. Representatives from the boy scouts said that all of the food collected in Pampa stays in Pampa.

Cub Scout Pack 423 will also collect food from 1 to

4:30 p.m. Saturday.

For those who do not want to leave food out on the porch, you can contribute at local supermarkets. Frank's and United have drop off receptacles in their stores and they will make sure the food gets to the boy scouts so they can distribute the food where it is needed most.

This boy scout troop is also gearing up to sell Christmas trees again this year and is looking for a good location to set up the trees somewhere near Hobart Street around the first part of December. This year they plan to sell the

trees for about two weeks and hope to have approximately five different types of trees available.

For information about the

food drive, pecan sales or the Christmas trees, contact Scout Master Bill Schroeder at 669-6917.

FARM AND RANCH SHOW

Management symposium held with farm, ranch show

BY KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The 23rd annual Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium has been scheduled for Nov. 29 and will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, which is Nov. 27 and 28.

Exhibits for the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 27 and 28 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 29. A \$2 admission fee will be charged for the first time this year with all proceeds going to benefit area FFA organizations.

According to Leon Church, Potter County Extension Agent and moderator for the event, registration for the farm management symposium will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 29. The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with Dr. Brent Bean, extension agronomist from Amarillo, speaking on weed issues and potential

options for no-till or minimum-till wheat and sorghum production.

There will also be other topics discussed at the symposium. Jack Lyon, retail account manager for DuPont, will talk about chemical modes of action. Dr. Steve Amosson, extension agricultural economist from Amarillo, will discuss the future of the bioenergy industry in the Texas High Plains. Pesticide laws and regulations will be discussed by Levon Harmon from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Church said that three pesticide license continuing education credits and three certified crop advisor credits will be offered, one in integrated pest management, one in laws and regulations and one general.

For more information on the symposium, contact Church at 806-373-0713.

Most school districts opt out of pay plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Less than half of Texas school districts agreed to participate in the state's new merit pay plan for teachers, according to a final count released by the Texas Education Agency.

The agency said 442 of the state's 1,033 districts, or 43 percent, opted to take part in the \$148 million District Awards for Teacher Excellence program.

The participating school districts, which include most of the state's largest, will share the merit pay money beginning in the 2008-09 school year.

The state plan recommends a \$3,000 bonus per teacher for achievement in improving test scores and other signs of student progress.

State officials said they were surprised that so many districts opted out.

"Some districts may have opted not to apply because they have another merit pay plan already in place, or they may have decided they are unable to put up the local matching funds required to participate," said Debbie Ratcliffe, spokeswoman for the education agency.

Participating districts must put up a 15 percent match in either local funds or in-kind contributions. The match is scheduled to increase in future years.

Some local educators criticized the matching requirement, partly because it was

not part of the original 2006 law creating the program.

Cindy Clegg of the Texas Association of School Boards said many local school officials were not expecting the matching funds requirement. Districts are also concerned about state rules calling for them to eventually find a way to fund the program on their own, she said.

"It takes a lot of time and effort to put a plan like this together," she said. "Until there is a clear commitment and some funding stability, you are going to see districts approach this tentatively."

The hundreds of participating districts should provide a good test of the merit pay program in Texas, said Rob Eissler, chairman of the House Public Education Committee. He believes districts will come up with locally designed merit pay plans that will produce results in the classroom.

Eissler said education officials are "trying to spread out the funds a little better and put in more local control."

"Anytime you have to put your own resources into the game, you're going to pay a little more attention to what you're doing," said Eissler, R-The Woodlands.

Teacher groups have criticized the program as a way for the Legislature to avoid bigger pay increases for all teachers.

Burn ban may halt A&M bonfire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A burn ban may stop Texas A&M University students from lighting an off-campus bonfire on Saturday.

The bonfire has been banned from campus since 12 Aggies were killed when a 59-foot-high wedding cake-like stack of more than 5,000 logs collapsed as students were building it on Nov. 18, 1999. But since

then students have continued the tradition off-campus and a bonfire is nearing completion at a ranch near Hearne.

This week though, Robertson County commissioners voted to impose a burn ban.

"It is not really about the student bonfire, it is about the drought conditions that necessitated issuing a burn ban," said Robertson County Judge Jan Anderson Roe.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This will be the fourth holiday season my boyfriend and I have shared together. We usually split Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations between our two families, although not equally. I come from a large family that understands the need to "share" me with my boyfriend's family. My boyfriend comes from a small family; he is the only child. Last Christmas, he was allowed to visit with my family for only 20 minutes. This Thanksgiving all six of my mother's siblings will be here with their families for the first time in five years. My uncle, who is in the Air Force and is being sent to the Middle East in December, will also be here. It is important to me that my boyfriend spend time with my family this Thanksgiving, but he always knuckles under to the guilt trip from his mother. He says that until he graduates from college, he has to live by their rules, but I think their rules are unreasonable. We want only two or three hours with him. I don't think this is unreasonable. What do you think? - **WANTS TO SHARE**

DEAR WANTS TO SHARE: I think your boyfriend's parents are in for a rude awakening once he graduates from college. But for now they have their son under their thumb, so accept it. A way around this might be for your parents to invite your boyfriend AND his parents to join you for Thanksgiving. For now, they are a package deal.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about a new trend I have been seeing. It has become commonplace for parents to call their teenage children from the car at the curb when picking them up from a friend's house. I realize this saves time, but I am concerned that today's parents do not do

the necessary "legwork" in meeting their children's friends and their friends' parents, checking to see if an adult will be on the premises and observing the general home situation that their child will be visiting. I am amazed at parents who drop off their teens to spend the night and never bother to come to the door. I also see this tendency in the young people themselves. A young man came to pick up our teenage daughter for a date and called her from the car to say he was out front. Am I old-fashioned, or is this an issue that should be addressed? - **CONSCIENTIOUS PARENT IN DENVER**

DEAR CONSCIENTIOUS: No, you are not old-fashioned. The message you are sending makes common sense. As to the young man who came to pick up your daughter, I hope she informed him that she wasn't going anywhere until he came to the door and met her parents. That's not "old-fashioned"; it's respectful and a display of good manners. And good manners never go out of style.

DEAR ABBY: I am in eighth grade and take band. My band teacher is very aggressive toward me and often yells at me in class. It's very embarrassing. He makes me so upset that sometimes I start to cry. I don't know how to handle this. I don't want to make him even angrier at me, but I don't think I can take his aggressiveness anymore. How can I stop this without quitting band? - **UPSET TRUMPET PLAYER IN NEW YORK**

DEAR UPSET: Because your teacher appears to be losing his composure, you should tell your parents, and they should inform the school principal. Your band teacher may be in need of both professional and psychological counseling.

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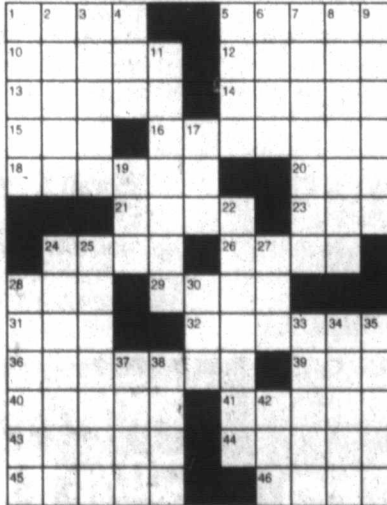
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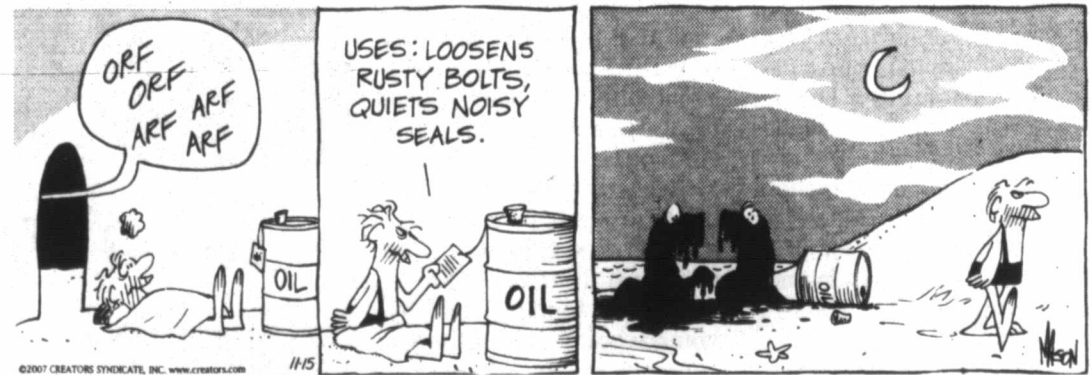
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By Bil Keane



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Sports

Signing on



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Pampa graduate Tyson Hickman (bottom right) signed on Wednesday to play another year of baseball at Frank Phillips College. Hickman played for the Plainsmen last spring as a freshman and will be returning again this coming season. Pictured here with Hickman are (top, L-R) coaches Guy Simmons and David Gomez. Also sitting is Hickman's teammate, Elliot Burrow, who also signed on for another year.

Stay-Rod? Alex Rodriguez says he wants to stay

NEW YORK (AP) — Turns out A-Rod might not be leaving the Bronx.

In a startling turn of events, Alex Rodriguez and his wife met with New York Yankees executives Hal and Hank Steinbrenner on Wednesday in Tampa, Fla., and the star third baseman told the team he wants to stay in pinstripes.

His longtime agent, Scott Boras, wasn't involved in the meeting Wednesday, but said he's trying to work out a deal with the Yankees. New York officials sounded confident the negotiations could lead to an agreement.

"The past is the past. I don't know what brought about him approaching us," Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner said in a telephone interview. "I guess you could say things didn't go the way before that

he intended on and weren't handled properly or whatever."

"But the bottom line, the only thing that really matters, is he wants to stay a Yankee. And it could be very well that he's always wanted to stay a Yankee and we just didn't know it."

Rodriguez, likely to win his third AL MVP award next week, had not made any public statements since becoming a free agent following the Yankees' first-round loss to Cleveland in the playoffs. After consulting with his wife and family, Rodriguez reached out to Hank and his brother, Hal, through a third party.

"It became clear to me that I needed to make an attempt to engage the Yankees regarding my future with the organization,"

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Null selected as LSC South Academic Player of the Year

CANYON, Texas — In addition to leading the Buffalo football team to its third consecutive Lone Star Conference Championship with his talented efforts on the gridiron, West Texas A&M junior quarterback Keith Null has been honored for his achievements in the classroom as Wednesday he was selected as Lone Star Conference South Academic Player of the Year. Null joins a league-high contingency of five Buff players to be recognized as LSC South All-Academic performers.

Null, a sports & exercise science

major from Lampasas, Texas, has put up All-American type numbers in his first season as the Buffs' starting signal caller, leading the LSC in passing yards at 3,276 and touchdowns through the air at 33, while maintaining a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. In the North Division, Southeastern Oklahoma offensive lineman Cliff Eddings garnered LSC North Academic Player of the Year accolades.

The two were amongst 23 football players named to the LSC All-Academic Teams, which recognize both academic and athletic

achievement.

The All-Academic teams are voted upon by the league's sports information directors. To be eligible for LSC academic honors, student-athletes need at least a 3.20 grade point average and must be at least a sophomore. All qualifying student-athletes not voted to the All-Academic team are then placed on the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Altogether, 56 football players were honored through the league's academic awards program, including representative from 10 of the

LSC's 13 football-playing member institutions.

Also garnering LSC All-Academic accolades for the Buffs were sophomore receiver Kolt Kittley (sports & exercise science), junior linebacker Jared Brock (accounting), junior receiver Charly Martin (sports & exercise science) and sophomore linebacker Mark Ford (sports & exercise science). Junior defensive back Mathew Manley was also honored by the league as he was selected to the LSC South Commissioner's Honor Roll.

NCAA playoff participants WTAMU and Abilene Christian each had a league-high five players on the South Division All-Academic team.

The LSC Academic Player of the Year is the third in the last year for West Texas A&M as both Emily Brister of Lady Buff basketball, and Tyler Cooper, from the WT men's hoops team, both received the honor following the 2005-06 season.

O.J. Simpson faces new criminal trial in Las Vegas over memorabilia confrontation

LAS VEGAS (AP) — More than a decade after his acquittal on murder charges, O.J. Simpson will again stand trial in a case certain to capture the national spotlight.

The former football star said he wasn't surprised when a justice of the peace ordered him on Wednesday to defend himself against charges including kidnapping and armed robbery in a suspected sports memorabilia heist. He also said he trusted jurors to do what's right.

"If I have any disappointment it's that I wish a jury was here," Simpson told The Associated Press before he left the courtroom. "As always, I rely on the jury system."

Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure refused to dismiss any charges in a 12-count complaint against Simpson and co-defendants Clarence "C.J." Stewart and Charles "Charlie" Ehrlich, which stem from a Sept. 13 confrontation in a casino hotel room. Prosecutors accuse Simpson of leading the suspected armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers.

The defendants are to enter their pleas on Nov. 28.

Three of the men who accompanied Simpson, including two who said they carried guns, took plea deals and testi-

fied for the prosecution during the 3 1/2-day preliminary hearing.

Defense attorneys characterized the witnesses as con artists and crooks out for a buck.

Bonaventure said the testimony was an issue to be weighed by the court and that the defense had raised questions of "bought" testimony. He said there were a number of motive and credibility issues, but that they were "not so incredible or implausible" to keep the case from a jury.

A kidnapping conviction could result in a life sentence with possibility of parole. An armed robbery conviction would require some time in prison.

Simpson will spend the next two weeks in Miami golfing and spending time with his family before returning to Las Vegas to be arraigned, attorney Yale Galanter said.

The trial could begin within 60 days, but Chief Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Douglas Smith said coordinating court and lawyers' calendars could push it back six months or longer.

Galanter, who rejected the idea of a plea agreement, estimated it would take a year to bring the case to trial.

Stewart's lawyer, Robert Lucherini, said he may seek to have his client's trial separated from Simpson's.

"We're disappointed, but we understand the judge's decision," Lucherini said.

Ehrlich's attorney declined to comment.

Outside the courthouse, Galanter argued that Simpson was trying only to reclaim family heirlooms and that he believed no crime was committed.

"I have never been in a case where every witness had a financial motive, where every witness had a credibility problem," he said.

Another Simpson lawyer, Gabriel Grasso, said it was unclear whether prosecutors considered it kidnapping to lure two sports memorabilia dealers to a hotel room — or whether the charge was based on the confrontation that followed.

"This is clearly overcharging," he said.

Simpson, 60, has maintained that no guns were displayed, that he never asked anyone to bring guns and that he did not know anyone had guns. He has said he intended only to retrieve items that had been stolen from him by a former agent, including the suit he wore the day he was acquitted of murder in 1995 in the slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Bryant scores 30, McGrady hurt in Lakers' 93-90 win over Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Tracy McGrady is injured again, but the Houston Rockets star says it's not that serious this time.

The seven-time All-Star strained his right elbow late in the first half of the Rockets' 93-90 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night. He was taken to a hospital for tests and a doctor said McGrady should be healed in a week.

"It's definitely good news," McGrady said. "I actually thought it could have been a lot worse than what it was."

Kobe Bryant scored 30 points and the Lakers took advantage of McGrady's absence to snap a three-game losing streak to Houston.

The Rockets struggled with their shooting all night, finishing 30-of-85 (35 percent). Yao Ming had 26 points, 13 rebounds and five assists for Houston, but the stats were deceptive.

Harassed all night by Lamar Odom and Kwame Brown, Yao shot only 6-of-18. He also went 14-for-20 from the free throw line after coming into the game shooting over 90 percent.

"We wanted to put Yao in a lot of screen and rolls and make him work," Brown said. "We wanted to get him tired."

Still, Houston had a chance to tie at the end. Yao missed a free throw on purpose, grabbed the rebound and passed to Rafer Alston, See HOUSTON, Page 10

Carter, No. 15 Texas A&M hold off UTEP for 81-76 win

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — When Josh Carter got the ball and saw a pair of UTEP players down on the court, he figured it was as good a time as any to take his shot.

He did and hit the go-ahead 3-pointer, the last of his 23 points, and No. 15 Texas A&M held off a plucky UTEP team for a 81-76 win Wednesday night in the preseason NIT.

"I looked back and saw people on the ground and was pretty wide open so I just took the shot," Carter

said. Carter's 3-pointer with 2:15 left put A&M ahead 71-68. Stefon Jackson got tangled up with a teammate and the two fell before Carter's shot.

"I got back up, but by that time it was too late," Jackson said. "He had already got the shot up."

Coach Mark Turgeon was impressed with Carter's performance.

"I know the kid tripped, but that was a heck of a shot Josh made," he said. "He had to have the guts to

take it."

UTEP got a pair of free throws from Marvin Kilgore before Derrick Roland's layup made it 73-70.

Bryan Davis got a steal to set up Dominique Kirk's jumper to push A&M's lead to 75-70 with 50 seconds left. Roland forced a UTEP turnover on the next possession and hit a free throw and Donald Sloan added a free throw to make it 77-70.

Just like they had all night, the Miners didn't give up and Stefon

Jackson's 3 with 13 seconds remaining cut the lead to 77-73. Kirk made two free throws before Randy Culpepper's 3 with five seconds left made it 79-76.

The Miners were finally put away for good with a dunk by Joseph Jones with a second left. Jones had 15 points and Kirk had 14.

"We broke down defensively and compromised our defense," UTEP coach Tony Barbee said. "This is a tough, tested team. They made the plays down the stretch

and we didn't."

Two baskets in a row by Jackson had pushed UTEP's lead to 66-62 before Davis and Carter hit consecutive shots to tie it with about 5 minutes left.

A 3-pointer by Roland followed by a long 2 by Jones put the Aggies ahead 59-58 with 8:31 remaining. It was the first time Texas A&M (3-0) had led since it was up 29-28 with six minutes left in the first half.

The Miners (2-1) were led by Jackson who had 27 points.

Facio gets back in the mix with seven wins

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A-Rod

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Rodriguez said in a statement. "Prior to entering into serious negotiations with other clubs, I wanted the opportunity to share my thoughts directly with Yankees' ownership. We know there are other opportunities for us, but Cynthia and I have a foundation with the club that has brought us comfort, stability and happiness."

When first contacted, the Yankees wondered whether the message was serious. Before Rodriguez terminated his record \$252 million, 10-year contract on Oct. 28 — forfeiting \$72 million — Boras told the Yankees they would have to make a \$350 million offer just to get a meeting with the third baseman.

Boras spent time in Miami meeting with Rodriguez in recent days. "Alex and Cynthia have visited with the Steinbrenners and Yankee officials, and following that meeting Alex has instructed me to discuss contract terms with Brian Cashman and Randy Levine," Boras said, referring to the general manager and the team president.

After the opt out decision, Hank Steinbrenner and Cashman said talks were over because the Yankees lost the \$21.3 million subsidy the Texas Rangers agreed to at the time of the 2004 trade that sent A-Rod to New York. New York let A-Rod know that giving up the \$21 million was pretty much a precondition for any talks. "I also understand that I had to respond to certain Yankees concerns, and I was receptive and understanding of that situation," Rodriguez said. "Cynthia and I have since spoken directly with the Steinbrenner family.

"The biggest thing with me, and it's no secret with all of us, is the money we would have had from Texas that we don't now," he went on. "But he's willing to do something about that, which shows his dedication. And also, the other thing was, me being convinced he really wanted to be a Yankee, and it kind of looks to me like he does."

One other team that might have been an option for Rodriguez was the Los Angeles Dodgers, owned by Frank and Jamie McCourt.

"I think definitely we would have been involved," new manager Joe Torre said

During these healthy discussions, both sides were able to share honest feelings and hopes with one another, and we expect to continue this dialogue with the Yankees over the next few days."

Said Steinbrenner: "He's willing to make certain sacrifices. It certainly appears that way."

Torre, who managed Rodriguez in New York the past four seasons, said the two haven't spoken since the end of the season. Before Rodriguez opted out, the Yankees were prepared to make an initial extension offer of four or five years with an average yearly salary of \$25 million to \$30 million. A logical endpoint for a deal could be to take the \$72 million the Yankees owed, subtract the \$21 million New York lost from Texas, add \$10 million in escalators A-Rod would have earned in 2009 and 2010, and then add seven seasons at \$30 million annually. That would total \$271 million for the next 10 years.

Houston

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who missed a last-second 3-pointer.

"He almost surprised Alston with the ball, he made such an incredibly good pass to him," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson. "If he (Alston) had time to settle into his rhythm on that shot, it might've gone in."

Derek Fisher had 13 points and Odom added 10 points and seven rebounds for the Lakers.

Los Angeles built an 18-point lead in the first half without much help from Bryant, the league's second-leading scorer.

Bryant missed six of his first seven shots, but Houston missed nine of its first 10 shots in the second quarter, five of them layups. The Rockets trailed 41-29 after Jordan Farmar's bank shot with 6:58 left before halftime.

Later in the second quarter, Bryant hit three consecutive shots from the perimeter

and found Fisher open for a 3-pointer that put Los Angeles up 52-35. McGrady sank a 3-pointer, but Bryant answered with a smooth fadeaway. Out of a time out, Fisher lobbed to Brown for an alley-oop dunk for a 56-38 lead.

"We wanted to kick it up a little bit and start taking advantage of some opportunities that we kind of saw developing," Bryant said. "We were able to do that and that helped us gain a little bit of confidence."

And that's when Houston's night really took a turn for the worse.

With 50 seconds left in the half, McGrady reached to swat the ball away from Walton. He hit Walton's arm instead and McGrady's arm snapped backward.

Brown fouled McGrady on the play and McGrady shot two free throws left-handed, making the first and badly missing the second. He went to the locker room before the half ended and was on his way to the hospital by the time the third quarter began.

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1 Public Notice TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 83322 APPLICANT Celanese Ltd., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 83322, which would authorize construction of an Ethanol Plant located at the Celanese Chemicals Pampa Plant in Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The applicant has provided the following directions to the site: from Pampa, proceed west on Highway 60 and go 5 miles to the plant which is on the south side of Highway 60. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, ammonia and particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. The proposed Ethanol Plant was previously authorized with an amendment to its Air Quality Permit No. 51242 on May 24, 2007. This application is Permit No. 83322. 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Approved cases hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn. A person who may be	1 Public Notice Street, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. 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After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application. OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. Approved cases hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. 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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Be more aware of what you want to share with someone. If you move or speak too quickly, you could be sorry. Being cautious with a partner makes a huge difference and might prevent hurt feelings. Tonight: Treat yourself!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Events combine with your energy. Suddenly you gain an understanding that has been unavailable up to this point. You just didn't put two and two together. Hang in there with your knowledge. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Take your time making a decision. Nothing has to be one way or the other. In fact, you might want to be more open about different possibilities. Sometimes you cause yourself unnecessary problems. Tonight: Your turn to vanish!

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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)
★★★★ You definitely know what you want. However, confusion seems to mark every question or situation. You are learning patience, whether you like it or not. You might need to question several alternatives. Tonight: Find your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to be a little less responsible than you are right now. Others feel free to disagree with you and let you know that you are full of malarkey. You could feel as if you are in a stressful situation. Tonight: If you want to, bow out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take an overview of a situation. Think in terms of new possibilities. When hitting an obstacle, you might wonder why you are continuing down the same path. That question is an excellent one and quite meaningful. Tonight: Reach out for someone or something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Work with an individual rather than attempt to change a situation. You are likely to encounter flak. If you approach someone more sensitively, you could get a different reaction. A long talk is way overdue. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others certainly are commanding your time and attention. You might feel a touch burdened by their requests. You are likely to think you have misheard someone. Stay calm and instigate a quiet talk. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You really might need to call it an early day. Someone might not be getting where you are coming from. Your serious yet stable approach will make quite a difference. Consider to what others think. You don't have to agree. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ The twinkle in your eye tells much more than perhaps you would like everyone to know. Consider what is important to you when making a decision. You might need to stop and think before leaping into action. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation involving a domestic matter more carefully. Your attitude could cause friction with a family member or a roommate. Stop rather than cause yourself a problem. Have a long talk. Tonight: Stay

Pet care



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Pampa Junior High School students Monty Ware, sixth grader, Brandon Carroll, eighth grader, and Tyler Turner, seventh grader, learned about pet care during a recent class project.

Economy: Consumer prices rise in October

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer inflation posted another elevated reading in October as energy prices shot up by the fastest pace in five months.

The Labor Department reported today that its Consumer Price Index rose by 0.3 percent last month, the second straight month with inflation at that level. The acceleration was occurring because of another jump in energy prices and continued increases in food costs.

Meanwhile, the government said that the number of laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits rose by 20,000 last week to 339,000, the highest level in four weeks. Labor Department analysts said the California wildfires boosted the number of jobless claims by about 2,000 and the writer's strike, which has shut down production on many television programs, was also having an impact.

Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, continued to rise at a more moderate rate, rising by 0.2 percent in October, the fifth straight month at that level.

Before the back-to-back 0.3 percent gains in overall prices, consumer inflation had actually fallen by 0.1 percent in August and risen by just 0.1 percent in July.

So far this year, consumer prices are rising at an annual rate of 3.6 percent, up by more than a full percentage point from the 2.5 percent increase for all of 2006.

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The economy is being buffeted by a steep downturn in housing, turbulence in financial markets and falling consumer confidence, raising fears that the country could dip into a recession in coming months.

Wall Street is hoping that the Federal Reserve, which has already cut interest rates twice, will reduce rates further to keep the economy's problems from triggering a downturn.

But Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress' Joint Economic Committee last week that the central bank believes that risks are roughly balanced at the current time between inflation and weaker growth, a comment that was viewed as a signal to markets not to count on further rate cuts.

For October, energy prices shot up by 1.4 percent, the biggest jump since a 5.4 percent rise in May. Consumers got a break in the summer with three straight monthly declines in energy costs. However, analysts said that further price increases are likely in coming months, reflecting the fact that crude oil prices last week surged to record levels, trading at one point above \$98 per barrel.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Fine Arts Association's Artist of the Year, Dona Cornutt**, will be featured throughout the month of November in an exhibit at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

• **The next "Third Thursday"** at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. today. The event will include the film "Louise Nevelson - Portrait of an Artist," a coffee tasting, art activities for children and adults and music with Amarillo Woodwind Quintet. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **A free Loan Expo** on the SBA Community Express Loan Program will be conducted from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo. The loan program offers loans up to \$25,000 maxi-

mum. Participants wishing to apply for a loan should have the following information: Social Security number; evidence of LPRA status if not a citizen; federal tax ID; business checkbook; photo copy of driver's license or official ID. Participants must RSVP by Friday by calling or e-mailing, (806) 372-3381, eesparza@theprpc.org.

• **The 2008 High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show** will be Jan. 16 at the Amarillo Convention Center in Amarillo. The event will be presented by Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agriculture Irrigation Association. CEUs for pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants and certified irrigation designers will be available. For more information, call (806) 677-5600.

Judge fed up with Kid Rock for no-show

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A judge is fed up with Kid Rock for failing to show up for a court-ordered deposition.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Shalina Kumar on Wednesday threw out a lawsuit the 36-year-old rocker filed this year against Kelly Ann Kozlowski, a Novi woman he said embarrassed and defamed him in a police report.

"What's special about him? Why does he get to violate a court's order?" Kumar asked Kid Rock's attorney, William Horton, after learning Kid Rock failed to show up for a deposition that she had ordered to take place by the end of October.

Horton said the singer had schedule conflicts and noted he had proposed alternative

November dates.

Kozlowski has sued Kid Rock, whose real name is Robert James Ritchie, claiming he roughed her up outside his Clarkston recording studio March 8. Her claims were investigated by authorities, but no charges were brought.

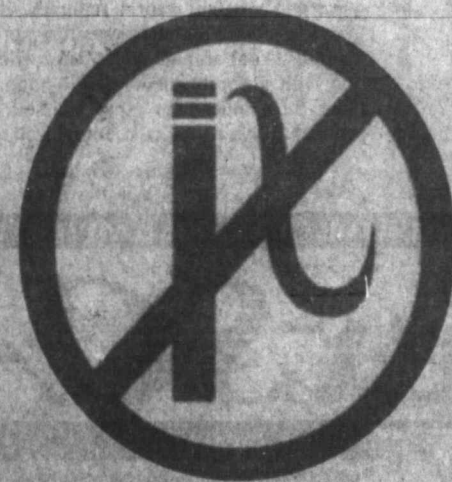
The judge also entered a default against Kid Rock in Kozlowski's complaint, which seeks more than \$25,000 in damages. The ruling means Kid Rock will be unable to contest Kozlowski's lawsuit at a Feb. 5 trial.

Kozlowski's attorneys, brothers Drew Norton and Scott Norton, told The Detroit News the decision means liability is not an issue in the case.

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