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By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor

Many people have seen "SM&P" trucks driving around town, but do not know just what this company or the employees do. This morning, one of those employees, Ryan Milligan, had the chance to explain.

Milligan was called out at approximately 9 a.m. this morning to locate and mark the utilities near a water main break on Tuke Street so the water department for the city of Pampa could then

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Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**

Ryan Milligan from SM&P places flags and paints the roadway to show city workers where utility lines are located underground before they start digging to fix a water main break.

Shootings reported

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

One Pampa man was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail in connection with one of two shootings which occurred in Pampa over the weekend.

Miguel Angel Villegas, 23, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after he was arrested concerning a shooting which occurred at 3:52 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Browning and Lefors streets. A 15-year-old was also taken into custody, charged with aggravated assault and turned over to juvenile probation officers, according to Pampa Police Sgt. Donny Brown.

"Arelia Guardado reported that she and her husband were at the intersection when they heard what they thought to be a gunshot coming from a tan pickup which was also at the intersection," Brown said.

Police arrested Villegas and the juvenile in connection with the incident. No injuries or property damage was

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Grand Jury issues 22 indictments

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 22 indictments Thursday in 31st District Court in the third-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The indictments were for six first-degree felonies, one second-degree felony, five third-degree felonies and 10 state jail felonies.

Shawleen Michelle Brown, 32, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of 400 grams or more of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On Nov. 25, 2007, Brown allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Brown was also indicted for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,500.

On Aug. 31, 2007, Brown allegedly possessed a firearm before the fifth anniversary of her release from confinement following conviction of the felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. The conviction occurred Oct. 5, 2005 in 47th District Court of Potter County.

Brown was also indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Dec. 13, 2007, Brown allegedly possessed less than

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Pampa News photo by **MARILYN POWERS**

Pink blossoms on a tree in north Pampa indicate that spring is not far away, in spite of recent bouts of wintry temperatures with biting wind chills and mixed precipitation.

PEDC to meet

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will hear from the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Thursday.

Danny Martin of the VFW will make a presentation to the economic development corporation at the EDC's monthly meeting.

Shane Stokes, Pampa's community relations director, will present the city's written policy for the marquee sign for the consideration of the EDC board of directors.

The EDC's board will also consider advertising in economic development publications. They will discuss office space and hear a proposal for a community development fund in partnership with the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The are also expected to amend their budget.

The board will hear reports from Dwight Fiveash, EDC executive director, and the Hampton Village project.

They will discuss a thank you letter for U.S. Sen. John Cornyn.

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will meet beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday, in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

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 Thursday: Cloudy, with a high near 68. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

ELLIOTT, Steven Wayne — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
NICHOLS, Viola Bruinekool — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Steven Wayne Elliott, 50

BORGER, Texas — Steven Wayne Elliott, 50, died March 9, 2008, at Borger. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Denzil Leonard, Steven's uncle and a retired Baptist minister, officiating.
 Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Elliott was born May 30, 1957, in Amarillo at the Amarillo Air Force base. He

attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1975.

Steven married Angela Poole in 1994 in Pampa. He worked for Celanese for 15 years and worked for Tinney Lumber and Rice Construction for several years. He loved to cook barbecue and go camping in the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Angela Elliott, of the

home; two sons, Jeremy Elliott and wife Sarah and Greg Elliott, all of Pampa; two daughters, Madysun Elliott and Miranda Elliott, both of Borger; his mother, Dutch Elliott of Pampa; two brothers, Mark Elliott and Brad Elliott, both of Pampa; one sister, Patti Williams of Pampa; three granddaughters, Harley Elliott, Kendal Elliott and McKenna Elliott, all of

Pampa; and his mother-in-law, Sharon Mack of Pampa. Steven was preceded in death by his father, Bill Elliott in 2005.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the home of Mrs. Billy Elliott, 1148 N. Starkweather in Pampa.

MEMORIALS: To a favorite charity.

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



Elliott

Viola Bruinekool Nichols, 89

AMARILLO — Viola Bruinekool Nichols, 89, died Sunday, March 9, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Nichols was born on July 17, 1918 in Densmore, Kan., to Peter and Willemke Bruinekool. She was the

youngest of seven children and the last survivor in her family. Her parents were Dutch immigrants who were very proud that all their children were high school graduates.

After graduating from Densmore Rural High School in 1936, she moved to Pampa where she met and married Knox Finley Nichols on March 15, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1999.

She resided south of Lefors until 1998 and was presently living at Craig

Retirement Community in Amarillo.

Mrs. Nichols was a talented homemaker who enjoyed all kinds of sewing projects, crafts, cooking, painting and reading. She was a very active member of First Baptist Church of Lefors, participating in all types of youth activities.

Survivors include three daughters, Janie Blair and husband Larry of Kingsland, Elaine Morris and husband Mike of Waco, and Mary Ann Osborn and husband Dr. William of Amarillo; one



Nichols

son, Jerry Nichols and wife Barbara of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Dr. Stephen Blair and wife Sandra, Nicole Nichols Sanders and husband Clayton, Sarah Osborn, and Sean Osborn; five great-grandchildren, Audrey and Ian Blair, and Lauren, Jillian, and Madeline Sanders; and by several nieces and nephews.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 409, Lefors, TX 79054.

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

Lana Stump, 58

McLEAN, Texas — Lana Stump, 58, of McLean, died March 9, 2008, at McLean. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the United Methodist Church in McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes and Z.A. Myers officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Lana Gayle Burnett was born Jan. 13, 1950, to Lloyd and Pauline Burnett in

Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Stump was a school teacher who taught in Griggs, Okla., Texhoma, Okla., and in Pampa at the Pampa Middle School. She taught for over 30 years.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in McLean, the Daughters of the American Revolution and Texas

Classroom Teachers Association.

Her hobbies included crafts, computer work and playing with her dogs.

Survivors include one daughter, Tiffany Stump of Amarillo; two sons, Todd Stump (Tomi) of Grove, Okla., and Travis Stump (Karen) of Goodwill,

Okla.; eight grandchildren; one niece; five nephews; three sisters, Gwen Henley of Lubbock, Sandra Bush of Amarillo and Linda Weeks of Lawton, Okla.; and three dogs, Max, Raven and Rusty.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Pam Phillips.

Memorials may be sent to donor's favorite charity.



Stump

Alisa Kay Loftis, 34
Gianni Shelby, 3

LUBBOCK — Alisa Kay Loftis, 34, of Lubbock formerly of Pampa died Tues., March 4, 2008, with her 3-year-old son Gianni Shelby in Lubbock. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wed., March 12, at New Hope Baptist Church in Pampa. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Warford-Walker Mortuary in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by one son, Gianni Shelby; her father, Bim Parker; and grandfathers James Leonard Hunnicut and Alfred Parker.



Gianni Shelby, 3
 Alisa Kay Loftis, 34

Alisa is survived by two sons, Derek Pollard and Jonta Pollard, both of Pampa; two brothers, Keith Young of Pampa and Erick Parker of Greensbough, N.C.; two sisters, Kimberly Young of Pampa and GERALYN Smith of Hutchison, Kan.; her mother, Lovetia Young of Pampa; her grandmother, Maudine Parker; two nieces, three nephews, one special cousin Jessica Hunnicut, special friend Jonathon Shelby and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and family.

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reported. In an unrelated incident, Michael Heath Honeycutt,

32, of Pampa reported that two known subjects in a vehicle shot at his vehicle at around 7 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Texas and Gray streets, striking Honeycutt's vehicle on the

left side.

No injuries were reported in connection with the incident, and no arrests have been made.

Both cases remain open and under investigation.

Biodiesel plant construction delayed

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — A company that plans to turn animal fat into biodiesel says it will delay a proposed plant in Clovis by several months.

The task of raising capital, coupled with an increase in the price of animal feed stock, caused Dallas-based American Renewable Fuels, part of Australian Renewable Fuels, to delay the project, said chief executive officer Ross Garrity.

It's the second time a biodiesel plant has delayed construction in the area recently. Clovis Biodiesel earlier stopped construction on its \$18 million plant, which had been slated to open this month in the Clovis Industrial Park. Officials said they hope to open the plant within a year.

In addition, ConAgra Foods, parent company of Clovis Ethanol, dropped plans in January for its alternative fuel plant in Clovis, saying the ethanol market was too volatile.

American Renewable Fuels had planned to begin construction this month at the industrial park, but Garrity said officials now are targeting "sort of a June-July time frame."

Plans call for a 75 million-gallon-a-year biodiesel plant that would use animal feed

stock such as beef tallow to produce alternative fuel. Company officials said it would create about 50 jobs.

The company has finished the engineering work and has received an air quality permit from the New Mexico Environment Department, Garrity said.

Chase Gentry, executive director of Clovis Industrial Development Corp., said incentives such as a 15-year tax exemption and 25 acres of land were promised to American Renewable Fuels once it amasses the capital it needs. But he said no land has been transferred and no industrial revenue bond has been approved.

A lending market hit by sub-prime mortgages has made it difficult to get capital for the plant, Garrity said. He also said the company faces an inflation of prices for feed stock, although he said those prices have not climbed as much as the price of soybeans, used by most biofuel plants.

Clovis Biodiesel, which proposes to make biodiesel from soybean and canola oil, had finished about 80 percent of its plant when it stopped construction. The facility, which would produce about 15 million gallons of biodiesel a year, would bring in an estimated 13 jobs, company officials said.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Ryan Milligan looks up prints on his computer to locate utility lines under the street.

Flag Man

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come out and dig up the cracked or broken pipe.

"Our main objective as a locator is to protect customer infrastructure and those who live and work around the area in a safe and timely manner," Milligan said. "The employees of SM&P Utility Resources come out to mark where the phone, electric and gas lines are located so the city workers know where they can dig safely."

"We do now want anyone to hit a phone line that would cut off someone's phone so they couldn't call 911, or hit a gas line that might blow up, or hit an electric line that might electrocute someone. We are subcontracted with the utility companies, such as AT&T, Atmos and Excel."

The trucks are equipped with computers that have all of the maps and surveys showing where utility lines are placed. This is how they know where lines are underground.

Milligan explained they normally have regular tickets that require them to go out and flag where the utilities are. Then, like this morning, they also get emergency calls that require them to go out immediately and locate utility lines so work can begin. He said one problem they have is when children move or play with the flags they place.

"If kids come out and move the flags that are placed there, then the person digging in that area is in danger," Milligan said. "So, we encourage parents to tell their children not to bother the red and orange flags they see placed in the ground."

Milligan said he really enjoys his job, which he's had for two years, because

he gets to work outside by himself.

"I like working alone so there isn't anyone to deal with at that moment,"

Milligan said. "And most of the time, except in the really cold part of winter, I enjoy the weather outside."

TEXAS FIRES

Seperate fires in Houston kill two disabled brothers, elderly couple

HOUSTON (AP) — A fast-moving fire killed two disabled brothers who were trapped inside a mobile home on Monday night. The boys' mother and oldest brother were injured but escaped the blaze in northeast Harris County.

Officials did not immediately release the identities of the family members. The two siblings who died were 6 and 9, said the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office. Neighbors gathered near the home, say the two brothers had several disabilities but were not confined to a wheelchair.

"It's hard on me ... her kids were sweethearts," said former neighbor Jackie Warner.

The boys' mother and older brother were taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where the woman was listed in fair condition. Her son was in good condition, hospital officials said.

Witnesses say the mother escaped the fire with burns to her arms and head. Bystanders helped to pull her oldest son from the flames, said neighbor Maria Contreras, 15.

The flames were as tall as the trees surrounding the family's trailer, witnesses said.

"The flames were like a forest fire and smoke covered the street, it was huge," said witness Michael Flores, 13.

Earlier in the day, a blaze in Montgomery County killed an elderly couple.

Family members identified the couple as Clifford C. Mosher Sr., 73, and his wife, Nelda Warren, 76.

Mosher was a retired paper mill worker who took care for his wife, who was bedridden and required oxygen, said Mosher's son, Clifford C. Mosher Jr., of Pearland.

Firefighters found the elder Mosher near the rear of the house and Warren in the hallway on the floor, said Lou Freitas, spokesman for the Lake Conroe Fire Department.

An autopsy determined Mosher died from smoke inhalation. Autopsy results for Warren, who had emphysema and other health problems, were pending, fire marshal officials said.

Passers-by saw the fire around 3 a.m. and tried to enter the home. But heat and smoke from the fire forced them back. It took firefighters about an hour to extinguish the blaze, Freitas said.

Housing woes forecast in 2008

Economists say no U.S. recession

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. economy will suffer as the slumping housing market eats away at job creation and consumer spending, but the nation should avoid slipping into a recession this year, according to a new economic report.

A recession could still happen though, if the credit crisis that has stifled the housing market deepens, preventing consumers from buying big-ticket items like cars and businesses from spending on equipment, according to the quarterly Anderson Forecast by the University of California at Los Angeles.

"We don't see that happening," said Edward Leamer, director and co-author of the forecast released Tuesday. "This is a tough call, but I will be very surprised if this thing actually precipitates into recession."

The forecast anticipates job growth remaining sluggish in 2008, with the U.S. unemployment rate rising to 5.5 percent by the end of the year. The February rate was 4.8 percent.

The forecast expects the economy to post gross domestic product growth of about 1.5 percent this year, rising to about 3 percent growth in 2009. GDP grew

2.2 percent in 2007, the weakest showing in five years.

The no-recession forecast runs counter to the outlook among many economists and financial pundits, who contend the economy has already started to shrink amid rising unemployment, job losses, record oil prices, and the lingering effects of the housing and credit crises.

The U.S. lost 63,000 payroll jobs last month, the second consecutive month of job losses. The last time the U.S. posted a two-month drop in payroll jobs was in 2003, when employers were still struggling through the aftermath of the 2001 recession.

Leamer said the nation may be experiencing negative economic growth in the current quarter. Economists generally look for at least two consecutive quarters of negative growth before they make a recession determination.

The biggest risk of recession comes from the credit crisis that emerged last year as home values began to tumble and the number of mortgage defaults and foreclosures soared, the economist said.

Major financial institutions were racked by credit losses as the value of securi-

ties backed by mortgages sank, causing the traditional outlet through which banks borrow money to seize up.

The credit woes have deepened the housing slump, making it harder for would-be homeowners to borrow money and for homeowners to refinance. But consumer spending, while weakened, hasn't declined severely due to credit problems, Leamer notes.

"Americans are not as wealthy as they thought they were, and that's going to factor into consumer spending going forward, but it doesn't cause a recession because consumers all realize their lack of wealth at different points in time," he said.

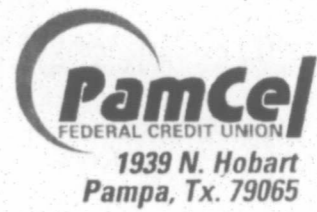
Another potential factor in a recession would be widespread job losses. Leamer, who has maintained a no-recession forecast in recent quarters, said that's not likely.

"So far the labor markets are slowing but not collapsing," he said.

The forecast calls for the nation's housing doldrums to continue "for a long time," Leamer said.

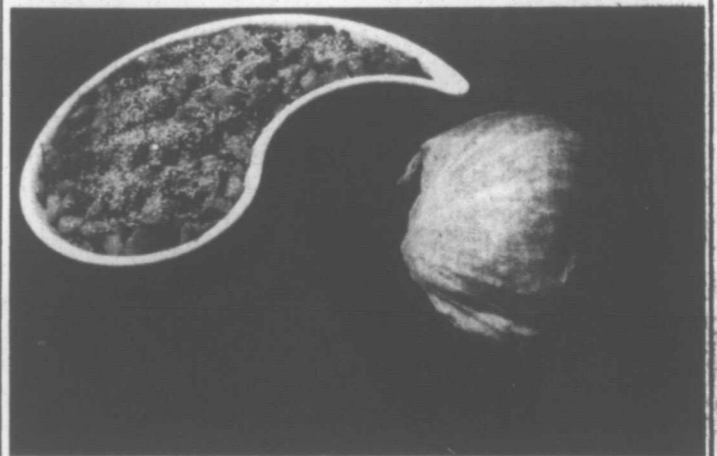
He expects housing starts, which fell from a high of 2.3 million units in January 2006 to 1 million units this January, to bottom out in the summer.

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Viewpoints

We all must start somewhere with every endeavor

Everyone has to have a starting place in their line of work, whether they are embarking on their lifelong career or just learning a summer job to stash away cash for college.

I just wish I wasn't a witness to that learning process quite as often as I seem to be.

For example, there is a relatively new person on one of the area television stations. This station is, coincidentally, the one I watch most often, as much out of habit as for any other reason.

When I first heard this young fellow do his segment of the broadcast, I cringed. He seemed fearful that his time would be up before he got all his information

across, because he talked at a speed somewhat faster than the speed at which I can listen.

What I heard him say sounded like a buzz saw at work, with occasional intelligible words thrown in here and there. I thought his speed was probably due to nervousness, and that he would likely slow down to a more understandable rate once he got used to being on camera.

That hasn't happened yet, and he's been on for several months now. To top things off, he seized on a phrase used by a co-worker and now overworks that phrase with a vengeance. I counted at least a dozen times during

one brief appearance of his when he used that phrase.

Of course, given enough time, I'm sure this person will improve and move on to bigger and better things. But it would be nice if our area was considered one of those bigger and better things, rather than a starting point for greenhorns.

Sometimes the lack of knowledge displayed by an inexperienced person can even be cause for concern. I may have mentioned this experience before, so if I have, bear with me.

One time I was in a check-out line manned by a person who was obviously of teen years. She said she was a high-school senior as she spoke with the person ahead of me.

My turn to be checked out came, and she hit a snag as she was scanning my items. It was the day after a holiday, and the store had marked down holiday merchandise by 75 percent. The discounted price had not been programmed into the bar code scanner system, however. She swiped the bar code

area of one of the packages a couple of times, and was baffled when the price did not automatically get charged. She finally set the items aside, and I asked what was wrong.

She said she did not know the correct discounted price for the items. I said the store had marked down all holiday merchandise by 75 percent. She admitted that she did not know how to figure that.

This is a high school senior, stating that she did not know how to figure 75 percent of some amount.

Trying to be helpful, I said it was the same amount as three-fourths. That didn't help her a bit, however. She said she didn't know how to

figure that, either.

Then there are those who choose to make their living with words, yet cannot spell or use those words properly. Others may be required to deal with the public all day long, yet have no skills for interacting with others and in fact are sometimes positively antisocial and even hostile.

I went through my own periods of painful learning in the workplace and elsewhere. I try to be patient with those who are brand new at their jobs.

But sometimes, it sure is nice to come across a skilled veteran at their work.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 11, the 71st day of 2008. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia. (MacArthur, who subsequently vowed, "I shall return," kept that promise more than 2 1/2 years later.)

On this date:

In 1810, Emperor Napoleon I of France was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a constitution.

In 1888, the famous "Blizzard of '88" began its sweep through the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1957, Charles Van Doren's 14-week run on the rigged NBC game show "Twenty-One" ended as he was defeated by attorney Vivienne Nearing; Van Doren's take was \$129,000. He later acknowledged that he had been given answers by the show's producers.

In 1957, American explorer Richard E. Byrd died in Boston at age 68.

In 1965, the Rev. James J. Reeb, a white minister from Boston, died after being beaten by whites during civil rights disturbances in Selma, Ala.

In 1978, 37 Israelis were killed as Palestinian guerrillas went on a rampage on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway.

In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In 2004, 10 bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people in an attack linked to al-Qaida.

Ten years ago: The International Astronomical Union issued an alert, saying a mile-wide asteroid could zip very close to Earth on October 26, 2028, possibly colliding with it. (The next day, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said there was no chance the asteroid would hit Earth.) A Florida appeals court restored Joe Carollo as mayor of Miami after charges of voter fraud on absentee ballots.

Five years ago: A U.S. Army helicopter crashed near Fort Drum in upstate New York, killing 11 soldiers. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the leader of Turkey's governing party, was named prime minister.

After a four-day walkout that cost New York City \$10 million, Broadway musicians settled the first strike on the Great White Way in nearly 30 years.

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Difference between liberty and socialism

A fortnight ago, I wrote about Mississippi Legislature House Bill 282 that would have imposed fines or revoked licenses of food establishments that served obese people. Fortunately, the measure died in committee. State Rep. Ted Mayhall, one of the bill's sponsors, justified it by saying that he wanted to bring attention to the fact that "Obesity makes people more susceptible to diabetes, which puts a further strain on the state's financially-challenged Medicaid program."

His sentiments were expressed by quite a few readers who didn't necessarily support such a measure but opined that if a particular behavior or lifestyle imposed costs on others through tax-supported health care, the government had a right to intercede.

Similar justification was used for laws requiring helmets for motorcyclists and bicyclists. After all, if one exercises his liberty to ride without a helmet, and has an accident and becomes a vegetable, society has to bear the expense of taking care of him. The fact that an obese person becomes ill, or a cyclist has an accident, and becomes a burden on taxpayers who must bear the expense of taking care of him, is not a problem of liberty.

It's a problem of socialism where one person is forced to take care of another. There is no moral argument that justifies using the coercive powers of government to force one person to bear the

expense of taking care of another. If that person is too resolute in his refusal to do so, what is the case for imposing fines, imprisonment or death?

You say, "Death! Aren't you exaggerating, Williams?" Say he tells the agents of Congress that he'll pay his share of the constitutionally mandated functions of government but refuses to pay the health costs of a sick obese person or a cyclist who becomes a vegetable, what do you think the likely course of events will be? First, he'd be threatened with fines, imprisonment or property confiscation. Refusal to give in to these government sanctions would ultimately lead to his

being shot by the agents of Congress.

Forcing one person to bear the burden of health care costs for another is not only a moral question but a major threat to personal liberty. Think about all the behaviors and lifestyles that can lead to illness and increase the burden on taxpayers. A daily salt intake exceeding 6 grams can lead to hypertension. A high-fat diet and high alcohol intake can also lead to diabetes. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to several costly diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and heart failure.

There are many other behaviors that lead to a greater health care burden, but my question is how much control over your life are you willing to give government in the name of

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

On March 2 Houston Chronicle on representation at this year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo:

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has enjoyed enthusiastic support throughout this community. It would be dismaying if many Hispanics, the population's largest segment, felt slighted by the organization that puts on this hallmark event.

For that reason, the disagreement over Hispanics' music preferences needs to be resolved quickly and respectfully.

Earlier this week, a group of

Hispanic leaders accused rodeo officials of shortchanging Hispanics in their selection of Tejano Day entertainment, assignments of positions within the organization and the number of scholarships awarded to Hispanic students. They called on Hispanics to stay away from the event, which starts today and runs through March 22.

A leader in the dispute, former state Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, said, "We request our friends across the whole state of Texas not to attend the Houston Livestock Show."

One of the points of contention appears to be that rodeo organizers booked non-Tejano performing groups to play at the show's main venue on March 16, Go Tejano Day. That might give the public pause if there were no

Hispanic musical acts at all set to play that day. But that's not the case.

Tejano is a brand of music that grew out of Mexican folk and German polka music in Central and South Texas and enriched the culture of Texans of Hispanic descent. Non-Tejano fans are likely to recognize the name Selena Quintanilla-Pérez, the artist known as the "queen of Tejano music" who was murdered in 1995.

Unfortunately, this form of musical entertainment appears to have been eclipsed among Hispanic music enthusiasts by other styles. That accounts for why on the main bill at this year's Go Tejano Day are Duelo, a norteño band from Roma, and Los Horoscopos de

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Some food compounds kill cancer cells in lab

By Marcia Wood
ARS News Service

Strawberries, grapes, blueberries and some familiar seasonings like rosemary contain compounds that can — in test tubes — kill cells of a childhood cancer. Nutrition-focused research by molecular biologist Susan J. Zunino of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Western Human Nutrition Research Center (WHNRC), Davis, Calif., may reveal exactly how the powerful plant chemicals fight the disease known as acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Zunino's current studies build upon her 2006 findings about the ability of carnosol from rosemary; curcumin from turmeric; resveratrol from grapes; and ellagic acid, kaempferol and quercetin from strawberries to kill the leukemia cells. She did the work using lab-

oratory cultures of both healthy human blood cells and cancerous ones as her model.

Her studies are of interest not only to cancer researchers, but also to nutrition scientists exploring the health benefits of natural compounds in the world's fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices.

For the most part, scientists don't yet have all the details about how plant chemicals, or phytochemicals, bolster healthy cells and battle harmful ones. That's true even for better-known phytochemicals such as the resveratrol in grapes, blueberries and some other fruits, according to Zunino.

Her investigations provide some new clues about how phytochemicals attack cancer cells. For example, she found that the phytochemicals interfere with the orderly operations of mitochondria, the miniature

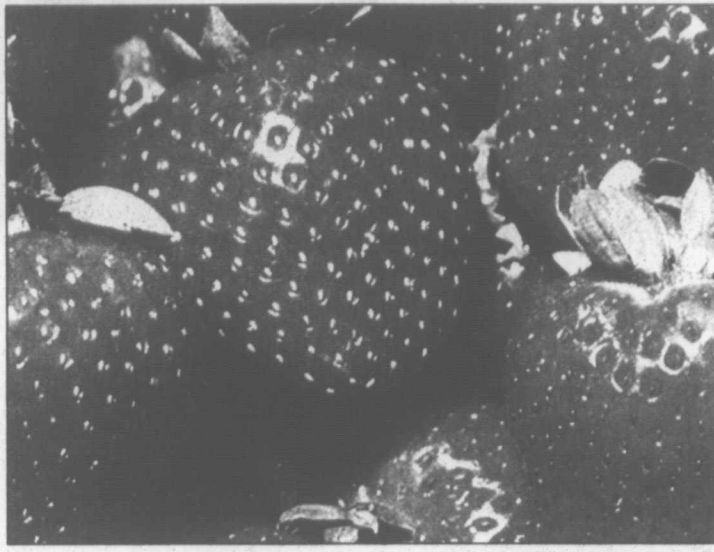


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Some fruits and vegetables like these strawberries have natural chemicals that can destroy leukemia cells in laboratory tests.

energy-producing power plants inside cells. Without energy, cells die.

Mitochondria exposed to resveratrol and the other phytochemicals that Zunino tested couldn't function

properly. But more work is needed, to fully understand how the phytochemicals achieved that.

And, Zunino and colleagues want to know more about the phytochemicals'

other modes of action that result in cell death.

She's collaborating in the investigations with molecular biologist David Storms, at WHNRC; Jonathan Ducre at the University of California-Davis Cancer Center; and Navindra Seeram, formerly with the University of California-Los Angeles and now at the University of Rhode Island-Kingston.

Read more about the research in the March 2008 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

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Forecast sees prolonged housing woes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. economy will suffer as the slumping housing market eats away at job creation and consumer spending, but the nation should avoid slipping into a recession this year, according to a new economic report.

A recession could still happen though, if the credit crisis that has stifled the housing market deepens, preventing consumers from buying big-ticket items like cars and businesses from spending on equipment, according to the quarterly Anderson Forecast by the University of California at Los Angeles.

"We don't see that happening," said Edward Leamer, director and co-author of the forecast released Tuesday. "This is a tough call, but I will be very sur-

prised if this thing actually precipitates into recession."

The forecast anticipates job growth remaining sluggish in 2008, with the U.S. unemployment rate rising to 5.5 percent by the end of the year. The February rate was 4.8 percent.

The forecast expects the economy to post gross domestic product growth of about 1.5 percent this year, rising to about 3 percent growth in 2009. GDP grew 2.2 percent in 2007, the weakest showing in five years.

The no-recession forecast runs counter to the outlook among many economists and financial pundits, who contend the economy has already started to shrink amid rising unemployment, job losses, record oil prices, and the lingering effects of the housing and

credit crises.

The U.S. lost 63,000 payroll jobs last month, the second consecutive month of job losses. The last time the U.S. posted a two-month drop in payroll jobs was in 2003, when employers were still struggling through the aftermath of the 2001 recession.

Leamer said the nation may be experiencing negative economic growth in the current quarter. Economists generally look for at least two consecutive quarters of negative growth before they make a recession determination.

The biggest risk of recession comes from the credit crisis that emerged last year as home values began to tumble and the number of mortgage defaults and foreclosures soared, the economist said.

Williams

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reducing these costs? Would you want government to regulate how much salt you use? What about government deciding how much fat and alcohol you consume? There are immense beneficial health effects of a daily 30-minute aerobic exercise. Would you support government-mandated exercise?

You might argue that it's none of government's business how much fat, salt or alcohol a person consumes, even if it has adverse health care cost implications. I'd ask: Wouldn't the same reasoning apply to helmet laws and proposed obesity laws? Last year, The Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act was introduced in Congress. It's a measure to prevent schools from serving "junk foods" such as pizza, burgers and French fries. If the government protects children from "unhealthy" meals at school, would you want

government to also protect them from unhealthy meals at home?

When I was 14 or 15 years old, smelling myself, I thought I could take over the house. My mother told me that as long as she was paying the bills, I was going to do what she said. That's great for a parent/child relationship, but do we want the same relationship between government and its citizens?

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

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Durango, a duranguense act from Chicago.

As Leroy Shafer, the rodeo's chief operating officer, points out, Go Tejano Day is not just about Tejano music, but also about Hispanic culture. The day should showcase more than one slice of Hispanic arts. What's more, Tejano bands will perform that day on smaller stages. It's telling,

too, that a member of the rodeo's Go Tejano Committee told the Chronicle he opposes the boycott.

Members of VIVE Tejano-Houston, the group formed to voice complaints about the rodeo performers, also charge that the rodeo awards too few scholarships to Hispanic students and hasn't enough Hispanics at the executive level.

But rodeo officials counter that nearly a third of the 927 students who attended Texas universities on rodeo schol-

arships last year were Hispanic. They acknowledge, however, that the executive committee includes no Hispanics. Those members are elected based on years of service, leadership and financial contributions a merit system that seems fair enough.

Though the charges made against the rodeo are on the thin side, they should not be lightly dismissed. The success of the rodeo and its educational goals will depend in large measure on this area's growing Hispanic popula-

tion. The rodeo must work with those who feel aggrieved and come to an amicable understanding. By custom and design, the rodeo belongs to all of greater Houston, and all segments of this population must be made to feel welcome and a valued part of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo events. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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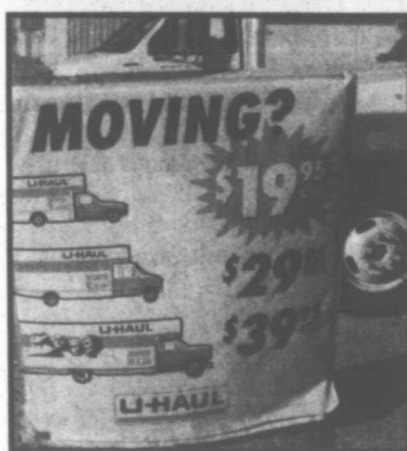
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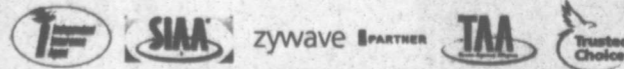
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Events calendar

- **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: "Night" by Elie Wiesel, March 12; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'Amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.
- **Tickets are currently available now through March 14** for the Area Friends of the NRA banquet set to kick-off at 5:30 p.m. March 15 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Prime rib with all the trimmings will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for participants 18 and under or \$50 per couple if purchased in advance. The deadline for advance ticket sales is the day prior to the banquet. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are available in Amarillo at Pro Shooters, Panhandle Gunslingers and A&K Shooters Supply. For more information, contact Connie at (806) 683-9079 or Bill at (806) 231-0771.
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Your Answer:

ROUND 2: What's the best jeans deal?

Fancy Schmantzy Designer Jeans for \$89
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The Fancy Schmantzy jeans! Everyone is wearing those. I would be so cool!
 Jeans are jeans! Why pay so much just for the label?

Your Answer:

ROUND 3: What's the best paper deal?

50 sheets for \$1.50
 100 sheets for \$2.00
 500 sheets for \$3.00

If I buy the cheapest juice and paper, I can save money for the Fancy Schmantzy Jeans.
 No brainer! I know what the best deal is!

Your Answer:

Extra! Extra! Newspaper Search for the Best Deal!

Your newspaper is a really great place to start shopping for good deals. Read the ads and compare the prices before you go to the store.

Find a product that is advertised in the newspaper. List the different prices that you can pay.

Which do you think is the best price? Why?

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Order dollar amounts from least to greatest, compare values.

In your opinion, which is the best value for your money in each of these buying decisions?

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Newspaper coupons are a great way to get the best deal. Circle the coupon that is the best deal for each product.

Price: \$4.50 PURPLE PEPPERMINT POWDERED TOOTHBRUSH \$1.00 OFF	Price: \$2.70 DOGGIE TREAT BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!	Price: \$1.75 SUDSY SOAP 50¢ OFF
PURPLE PEPPERMINT POWDERED TOOTHBRUSH SAVE 50%	DOGGIE TREAT \$1.50 OFF	SUDSY SOAP SAVE 50%

Standard Link: Math/Number Sense: Compare value using division.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

DEAL
COMPARISON
SUDSY
VALUE
MONEY
CHART
THRIFT
STORE
LOWEST
LABEL
COMPARE
SAVES
SOAP
FREE
FOOD

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Ad Categories

Chart the ad categories (automotive products, food, beauty products, etc.) in each section of the newspaper. Are some categories found mostly in one section? How do you explain your findings?

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Display results using a bar graph or chart.

Write On! Shopping Math

Write a math problem that describes a real shopping situation. Example: *At a garage sale, Tina bought a book for \$3.98 and a puzzle for \$1.99. How much did she spend?*

Kid Scoop Together: Fill In The Blanks

Ask a friend to give you each type of word. Fill in the blanks and read the story aloud for some silly fun.

Super Saver
 Roger is a collector of _____ ADJECTIVE
 _____ PLURAL NOUN As you can imagine, such a collection is quite _____ ADJECTIVE

To save money, Roger always looks for the best _____ NOUN when shopping. He'll often compare _____ PLURAL NOUN between products to see which one is a better _____ NOUN

At the grocery store, he doesn't just _____ VERB his basket with _____ PLURAL NOUN. Instead, he writes a _____ NOUN and brings it with him. He clips _____ PLURAL NOUN out of the newspaper to save _____ NOUN. He checks the newspaper's Web site for special _____ PLURAL NOUN, too.

Roger buys _____ PLURAL NOUN in bulk. He will _____ VERB them with his friends and family if he has extras. He saves a lot of money by choosing _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN instead of more _____ PLURAL NOUN

Roger also checks the classified ads for _____ PLURAL NOUN when he needs new ones. He bought a very reliable car that way that doesn't use a lot of _____ NOUN.

"Thanks to the money I've saved with the newspaper, I am about to start a new collection of _____ PLURAL NOUN."

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use parts of speech correctly. Nouns, adjectives and verbs.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Stressed-Out Mom," the retired woman whose two (employed) sons, ages 22 and 24, live with her for free (Jan. 7), that the only "mistake" she has made was not requiring them to behave like adults before now. Taking responsibility and being accountable are signs of adulthood. Taking advantage of anyone, including Mom, and being a free-loader are signs of immaturity. -- **RAISING SONS IN WHARTON, N.J.**

DEAR RAISING SONS: My readers overwhelmingly agree the time has come for "Stressed-Out's" "boys" to act like the adults they are and stop behaving like children. If they refuse to cooperate, then it's time for mom to show them the door -- to the real world. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As you already know, "Stressed-Out's" problem is nothing new to baby boomer parents. We have brought it on ourselves. We've enjoyed better economic times and freedom than our parents did. Because of this, we have actually encouraged our children to be more materialistic and irresponsible. We haven't helped them develop skills to manage their affairs and become responsible human beings. If "Stressed-Out" finds it difficult to get her grown sons to pay a minimal sum to ease her financial situation at retirement, she should consider moving to a smaller place, which will be less comfortable for them. I am preparing my teenage son to become independent and self-sufficient. I'd rather have the stress involved in doing it now than face it later. We parents owe this to our children and society in general. -- **INGRID D., OTTAWA, CANADA**

DEAR ABBY: I, too, have an adult son who lives with me. I had never asked him to contribute to the household expenses until last year when I became disabled and unable to work. He jumped at the chance to help me. He has assumed many of the day-

to-day responsibilities of running the household and contributes half the cost of the mortgage and utilities. There is nothing wrong with adult children enjoying the benefits of living at home, as long as they appreciate what they've been given and are prepared to give back when it's their turn. -- **CHERYL M., DUBLIN, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in regard to the two adult males who still live with their mother. She said she had recently retired and her income has dropped by half. Her sons are whining about having to help her pay her bills? Welcome to reality! Those of us who have grown into adults pay bills. We do our part. Their mom has done her job. The time has come for them to quit being spoiled little boys and become men. -- **TERRI T., TRENTON, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: I have some advice for that recently retired mom who generously offered her two deadbeat sons the low amount of \$30 a week rent. Take out the following in the local paper: "2 rooms for rent. \$50 a week each. Home cooking included. Available NOW." Then circle it, cut it out and tape it to the fridge. When the calls start coming, they'll be begging to pay that 30 bucks! -- **MIKE R., SANTA MONICA, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Should an overnight guest in someone's home remake the bed on the day he or she is leaving, or strip off the sheets since they are going to be washed anyway? -- **CHECKING OUT IN CANADA**

DEAR CHECKING OUT: Because the sheets will have to be laundered before the bed is made up for the next person using it, the sheets should be stripped. But whether your host would prefer to be the one who does it is something only he or she can answer, so that's whom you should ask.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Rings
- 6 Categories
- 11 Harmon of "Women's Murder Club"
- 12 Oyster product
- 13 1974 National League MVP
- 15 Finger count
- 16 Noodnik
- 17 McShane or McKellen
- 18 Ingenious
- 20 Poem of praise
- 21 Sixth sense, for short
- 22 "fair in love and war"
- 23 Works the fields
- 26 Burger accompanier
- 27 Raucous
- 28 Buddy
- 29 Music's Garfunkel
- 30 Tub-side rug
- 34 "You bet!"
- 35 Computer key letters
- 36 Hockey's Bobby

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- 1 Trattoria dish
- 2 Stage direction
- 3 Operative
- 4 Tyler of film
- 5 Female prophet
- 6 Tiffs
- 7 Poet's contract
- 8 Trattoria dish
- 9 Sewing machine part
- 10 Cunning
- 14 Shocked sound
- 19 Lecherous
- 22 St. Louis landmark
- 23 Emphasis sizes
- 24 Singer Lynn
- 25 Beginnings
- 26 Campaign funders
- 28 Use a pestle
- 30 Noah of film
- 31 Relocation pro
- 32 Bowl
- 33 Secret meeting
- 38 Old hand
- 39 Gym unit

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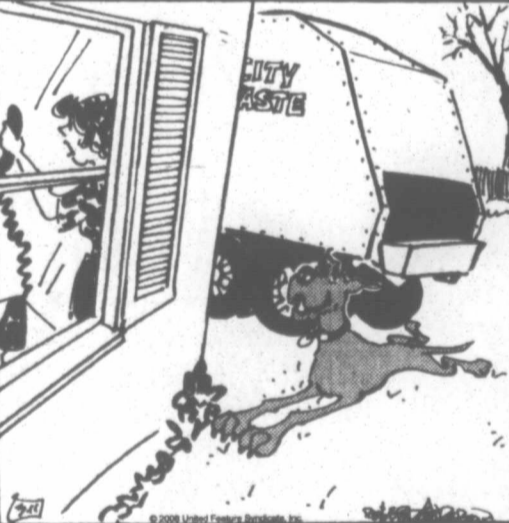
Yesterday's answer

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- 2 Stage direction
- 3 Operative
- 4 Tyler of film
- 5 Female prophet
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Marmaduke



The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



Blondie



Sports

Gymnastics



Courtesy Photo

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center hosted a gym meet recently; Back l-r: Jenna Munsell - Gold Medal Tumbling 5, Trampoline 8, Double Mini 7; Gracey Durham - Gold Medal Tumbling 3, Trampoline 2, Double Mini 3; Danielle Zuniga - Gold Medal Tumbling 7, Trampoline 8, Double Mini 7. Middle l-r: Cheyenne Williams Gold Medal Tumbling 4-1, Trampoline 5, Double Mini 5; Jacie Ketcherside - Gold Medal Tumbling 5, Trampoline 6, Double Mini 6; Sarah Schoenrock - Gold Medal Tumbling 3, Trampoline 5, Double Mini 5; Jenna Gee - Recreational Gold Medal Trampoline 4, Double Mini 4. Front l-r: Kirrah Powell - Gold Medal Tumbling 5, Trampoline 5, Double Mini 5; Austin Breeding - Gold Medal Tumbling 3, Trampoline 4, Double Mini 5; Chaney McCuiston Gold Medal Tumbling 3, Trampoline 2, Double Mini 3; B.J. Ketcherside Gold Medal Tumbling 3, Trampoline 4, Double Mini 5



Pampa News Photo by KATHERINE FLANARY

Soccer Coach John True uses the shells of pistachios to demonstrate to a one of the Lady Harvesters how to execute a play. Both the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters will play today against the Randall Raiders at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. The Lady Harvesters will start the evening off at 5 p.m., and the Harvesters will follow at 7 p.m.

Lefors Track



Courtesy Photo

Lefors' J.D. Pairsh passes the baton to Nick Hess during the 800-meter relay at the Miami track meet. The Lefors team, which also included Payton Johnson and Brandon McBee, won the race with a time of 1:43.47.

Alvey Law Mavericks



Courtesy Photo

The Alvey Law Mavericks won second place for the 5th and 6th division in the Optimist tournament.



Courtesy Photo

Front row: Dayton Tipton, Nathan Sprinkle, Aaron Allen, Jacob Brown, Brycen McClendon, Hunter Hughes. Back row: John Allen (coach), Alex Marrufo, Damon Walker, Lynn Willis (sponsor), Danny Tipton. The Willis Oilfield Nuggets went undefeated for the season and the tournament in the Optimist 5th and 6th grade league.

Optimist tryouts continue today

Tryouts begin today at 5:30 p.m. at Optimist Park for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2008.

The hour and a half session will be repeated tomorrow and Thursday as hundreds of players will demonstrate abilities to field, throw and hit a baseball or soft-

ball. Registration will also be available all three days from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All players must register to be eligible for this season.

Players who did not play last year and players nine through 15 years old moving up to a new

league must attend two of the tryout sessions. Players are encouraged to bring a light jacket, a glove and tennis shoes or baseball shoes to the tryouts.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Official promises clean air in time for Beijing Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing will meet its pledge to have clean air for the Summer Olympics, an environmental official said Tuesday, downplaying worries the city's notorious smog will overshadow the Games.

State Environmental Protection Administration Vice Minister Zhang Lijun said measures to cut pollution in Beijing and surrounding areas are being intensified to ensure the city's air is up to the required standards.

Zhang's claim came a day after world marathon record holder Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia said he would almost certainly skip the long-distance running event in Beijing because of the city's poor air quality.

Considered the world's best distance runner, the 34-year-old Gebrselassie — who has asthma — fears his health could be damaged by running through the streets

of the Chinese capital. He said he would make a final decision in May.

China's double-digit economic growth has come with a surge in heavily polluting industries such as manufacturing and energy. The country is home to 16 of the world's 20 most heavily polluted cities.

"After we have implemented all the measures, there is no problem for Beijing to meet the standards. We can deliver on our commitment," Zhang said at a news conference held on the sidelines of the annual session of the National People's Congress, the country's legis-

lature. The measures include requiring Beijing and Tianjin cities and Hebei province to temporarily suspend emissions from some of their most heavily polluting plants, which include cement, steel and coke factories.

The provinces of Shanxi and Shandong, along with the huge Inner Mongolia region, will also be required to restrict their coal-fired emissions, Zhang said.

Zhang said he expects that "by June, we will complete all tasks necessary" to ensure the city will have the required clear air.

HIDDEN HILLS HOLE IN ONE

Jim Bridges of Pampa made a hole in one on #15 at Hidden Hills. The shot was 140 yard shot and Bridges used an eight iron.

The hole in one was witnessed by Ray Covalt and Jess Mathis, both of Pampa.

Boys Basketball Banquet



Courtesy Photo

From left to right, with awards won: Wayne Parker - Most Improved, Blake Sieck - Defensive Player of the Year, Matt Smith - Hustlin' Harvester, Alex Clendening - Rebound Award, Assist Award, Offensive Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player, Hayden Skinner - Free Throw Award, Adam Anguiano - I Am Third, Alex Torres - VISA Award (Most Charges Taken)

Scandal throws NY governor's future into question

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Eliot Spitzer, who took office with the vow "Day One, Everything Changes," started day one of his life after allegations of a prostitution scandal with

his outlook so changed that many wondered if he could remain in power.

The first-term Democrat was caught on a federal wiretap arranging to meet a prostitute from a call-girl business, according to a law enforcement official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation is still going on.

Spitzer allegedly paid for the call girl to take a train from New York to Washington — a move that opened the transaction up to federal prosecution because she crossed state lines.

The governor has not been charged, and prosecutors would not comment on the case Monday. A spokesman for Spitzer said the governor has retained a large Manhattan law firm.

There was no word on Spitzer's plans, but Assembly Republican leader James Tedisco said Tuesday he received a call Monday from Lt. Governor David Paterson, who would

assume the governor's office if Spitzer resigned.

Tedisco said Paterson raised the possibility of such a scenario by asking if Tedisco, who has been at odds with Spitzer, would be willing to start fresh with him.

"He called me to ask if we would give him the benefit of the doubt, and go forward," Tedisco said. "I told him we would."

Spitzer was to be in New York City Tuesday, but had no public events scheduled.

At a Manhattan news conference, a glassy-eyed Spitzer, his shellshocked wife Silda at his side, apologized to his family and the people of New York.

"I have acted in a way that violates my obligations to my family and violates my — or any — sense of right and wrong," he said. "I apologize to the public, whom I promised better."

Intents

Continued from Page 7

'9', Sec. 9.1,I&GN, spud 11-19-07, drlg. compl 12-7-07, tested 2-5-08, TD 11800', PBDT 11676' — Form 1 in Dominion

Oklahoma Texas

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., 1A G. Johnson, Sec. 17,X-03, J.H. Gibson, spud 11-3-07, drlg. compl 12-30-07, tested 1-28-08, MD 2810' — Horizontal

ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) Cordillera Texas, L.P., #1092H Clark Martin, Sec. 92,C,G&M, spud 7-24-07, drlg. compl 9-19-07, tested 1-22-08, potential 4685 MCF, TVD 9212' — Horizontal

ROBERTS (LIPS Lower Morrow) Cimarex Energy Co., #2 Killebrew '215', Sec. 215,42,H&TC, spud 11-23-07, drlg. compl 12-11-07, tested 1-11-08, potential 3060 MCF, TD 11500', PBDT 9890' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1537 Hefley, Sec. 37,M-1,H&GN, spud 9-26-07, drlg. compl 10-24-07, tested 11-26-07, TD 13665', PBDT 13613' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #1050 Sophia, Sec. 50,M-1,H&GN, spud 7-30-07, drlg. compl 8-26-07, tested 1-28-08, TD 12870', PBDT 12785' —

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Consolidated) Questar E&P Co., #102 Holton, Sec. 2,L,J.M. Lindsey, spud 9-26-07, drlg. compl 11-10-07, tested 1-4-08, potential 6779 MCF, TD 15464', PBDT 15442' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #12 Stiles '67', Sec. 67,A-7,H&GN, spud 8-10-07, drlg. compl 9-25-07, tested 12-17-07, potential 4332 MCF, TD 16550', PBDT 16503' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2 Davis '26', Sec. 26,OS-2, L. Landaur, spud 10-21-07, drlg. compl 11-12-07, tested 1-29-08, potential 944 MCF, TD 13940', PBDT 13894' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Morrow) Questar E&P Co., #4033 Morrison, Sec. 33,A-3,H&GN, spud 5-21-07, drlg. compl 7-28-07, tested 9-10-07, potential 2673 MCF, TD 17200', PBDT 17094' —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) A. Dubois Survey, spud 10-6-07, drlg. compl 11-16-07, tested 2-4-08, MD 2875' — Horizontal

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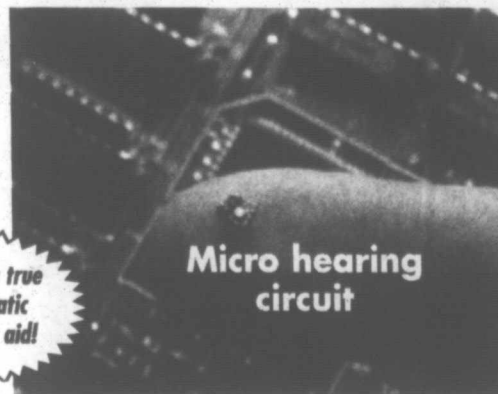
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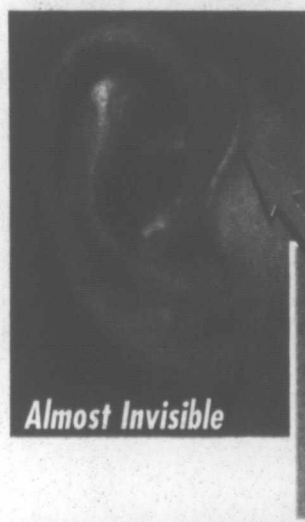
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