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Christopher Homen, center, recently took his pig to the San Antonio Livestock Show, where his pig was crowned Grand Champion. Chris is the son of John and Tonya Homen of White Deer.

Homen's swine project named Grand Champion

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor
Christopher Homen, an eighth grader at Groom Junior High School and a member of the White Deer ISD Jr. FFA Program came away from the San Antonio Livestock Show with a grand champion win.
Homen spent the past year raising and caring for steers and pigs as part of the FFA program. It all paid off for him after he competed against 3,504 entries to win the Grand Champion Barrow. The road to the Grand Champion is a long process. An animal has to pass a sifting process before it can compete in San Antonio. Then it must win its weight class, its weight division, and breed before competing in the Grand Champion drive.
Homen exhibited a "Cross" bred pig, winning his weight class, his weight

Murder trial postponed

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
WAYNESVILLE, Missouri -- The trial of a man accused of killing two people in Missouri and a family of three in Gray County has been postponed while the defense team takes one more deposition.
Levi King, 25, faces capital murder charges here in connection with the shooting deaths of Orlie McCool, 70, and his daughter-in-law Dawn McCool, 47, in Orlie McCool's rural Pineville, Mo., home the afternoon of Sept. 29, 2005.
King also faces capital murder charges in Gray County in connection with the deaths of Brian Conrad and his family, who were shot in the early morning hours of Sept. 30, some 375 miles from Pineville.
After hearings at the end of January on motions to suppress statements by King after his arrest, Judge John Clayton, who's hearing the Missouri case here, ordered that the prosecution and defense have their briefs on his desk by March 1.
"I got my findings of fact and conclusions of law in on Feb. 27," Special Prosecutor Tim Finnical said.

Nebraska fugitives await extradition on drug charges

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Two fugitives remain in Gray County jail today awaiting extradition to Nebraska after Hastings, Neb. authorities received a tip on the couple's whereabouts.
Brett Orin Vath, 34, and Tuesday Ramold, 32, both of Hastings, were taken into custody without incident at about 2:45 p.m. Thursday by Pampa Police Department detectives, said PPD Sgt. Donny Brown.
"Hastings, Neb. detectives got a tip and location of the two," Brown said. "They contacted Sgt. Beverly Chace and requested that officers check out an address at 1601 W. Somerville Apt. 901 for two wanted fugitives on drug-related charges," Brown said.
Pampa detectives went to the apartment and found the pair there, he said.
Charges in the warrants for the fugitives include possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to jail records.



Photo courtesy of NSSL. This tornado photograph was taken on April 19, 1977 and can be found in the archives of the National Severe Storms Laboratory. The tornado occurred near Lakeview over the valley of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. A spotter training class scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, 200 N. Price Road, will teach how to observe the skies for tornadoes and other severe weather.

Burn ban decision expected Monday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Gray County commissioners will decide Monday whether to continue the county's burn ban, which went into effect Jan. 15, as well as consider the county's policies on junk yards, rural dumping and certain permit fees.
The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.
A report from County Attorney Josh Seabourn and Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby will be heard concerning junk yards and rural dumping of items such as appliances, furniture, household trash and tires.
The county currently does not have regulations in place concerning such conditions. State law defines counties'




Spotter training class set for 7 p.m. Tuesday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
A spotter training class is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, 200 N. Price Road.
The class is sponsored by Gray County Emergency Operations Center and Hoover VFD, said Joe Millican, Gray County emergency management coordinator and Hoover VFD chief.
A representative of the National Weather Service will conduct the training, which is free and open to the public, Millican said.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 28 and 38 early. Windy, with a southeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Windy, with a south-southeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Monday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. Windy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

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I would like to thank our friends, family and our minister- Brother Maggard for the thoughtful calls and prayers. It has meant so much to my wife Ruby Aylor and me. We were married in January 2002 and we've had six very good years together. In January 2008 we both had gotten ill and due to our illness and age we had to separate from each other. Ruby went to live with her daughter and I am living with my son in Amarillo. Since then the Lord has called my wife home. I was unable to attend her funeral due to my lingering illness. Ruby was a God-caring person and there wasn't one night that went by that she didn't ask the Lord to keep His hands over our friends and our family.

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Thursday, March 13
 Tuesday Ramold, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of West Somerville by Pampa Police Department on a fugitive warrant out of Nebraska and Nebraska warrants for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brett Orin Vath, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of West Somerville by PPD on a fugitive warrant out of Nebraska.

Charles Darrion Siller III, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Francis by PPD for theft over \$500 and under \$1,500.

Friday, March 14
 Bobby Joe Sanchez, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of South Banks by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, no valid driver's license, no insurance and minor in possession of tobacco.

Salvador Rodriguez, 32, of Uvalde was arrested in the 800 block of East Frederic by PPD for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license and expired registration.

Neil Scott Mason, 35, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a blue warrant.

Zona Peace Power, 44, of Pampa was arrested by PPD and charged with theft of property over \$50 and under \$500.

Terrance Earl Fite, 21, of McLean was arrested by GCSO and charged with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Giovana Campos Solis, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD and charged with failure to attend school.

Leander Joseph Feltner, 24, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO and charged with public intoxication.

Robert Kurt White, 36, of Meade, Kan., was arrested by PPD on a bond forfeiture out of Potter County for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, March 13
 12:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee on a call for lifting assistance.

3:03 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1800 block of Coffee on a smoke investigation.

Friday, March 14
 9:58 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to Price Road and Kentucky on a hazardous materials spill.

5:10 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of South Hobart on a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

7:21 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1700 block of East Harvester on an odor investigation. Nothing was found.

8:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Banks on a call for lifting assistance.

WASHINGTON

Specter credits exercise, work with getting him through crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Arlen Specter knows a thing or two about bad health. Spry and physically fit at age 78, he also has a few secrets about living.

In a new book, Specter, already looking ahead to his next re-election fight in 2010, chronicles the painful chemotherapy treatments that left him bald in 2005 as he played a very public role chairing the committee that confirmed Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.

'I think we ought to let it all hang out because when somebody is stricken with cancer, or heart disease, or Parkinson's or Alzheimer's, they ought to know they are not alone.'

— Sen. Arlen Specter

to be instructive and inspiring to others.

"I think we ought to let it all hang out because when somebody is stricken with cancer, or heart disease, or Parkinson's or Alzheimer's, they ought to know they are not alone," said Specter in an interview from his Capitol Hill office.

Specter, a former Philadelphia prosecutor, acknowledges early in the book that he's not practiced in the art of "sharing some of the personal details that fill this book." For example, he discusses problems with balance and mouth sores that he developed while undergoing chemotherapy.

He describes looking out a window onto Philadelphia as a needle was inserted into his arm for his chemotherapy cocktails while he had nostalgic conversations with those around him.

"Cancer handed me a stark look at mortality" and an "added sense of humility," Specter said.

"When you look at yourself in the mirror every day and see your face turning gray, and you're becoming pallid and you're losing all your hair and you're bald, and you've been told that you only have a certain percentage chance for living five years, (it) makes every day more meaningful," Specter said.

Specter said he first noticed something was wrong after his tough election in 2004, when he was struck by fatigue so intense he felt drugged and had to take frequent naps on a couch in his Capitol office.

At one point during his treatment Specter was so heavily medicated he called an aide from his hospital bed and told the aide to take him to Bucks County, Pa., so he could get some work done. His wife had to call the confused aide back and tell him not to come.

Former AD's life changes with dementia

By LEE GODDARD
 Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Something had changed with Dan Viola. Some of his co-workers and acquaintances noticed it. Viola, the former Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi athletic director, seemed to act differently. He answered almost any question with "yes" or "no" or "I don't know." He acted distant and aloof. He started to come off as forgetful. His appetite seemed insatiable at times.

Other times, he seemed like the old Dan Viola — on the golf course enjoying his favorite pastime or in a meeting trying to land a conference affiliation for the Islanders.

Conflicting behavior is a symptom of frontotemporal dementia, known as FTD or Pick's disease. The disease onset is gradual. In hindsight, Viola's demeanor and his 2007 diagnosis of frontotemporal dementia make sense.

"It is insidious. It is gradual," said Jill Shapira, a nurse practitioner at the University of California, Los Angeles who has worked with Viola. "If I hear a story that someone was perfectly normal and woke up completely changed, it's not FTD. It's slow. Looking back on it, people see it. This is a very difficult diagnosis to make unless you know exactly what you are looking for."

About 250,000 people in the United States have frontotemporal dementia. Most people who have the disease are ages 40 to 70, with many being diagnosed in their 50s. Viola was 55 when diagnosed.

The disease often causes repetitive behaviors or a fixation on certain things. A patient might give abrupt answers to questions, coming across as distant.

Viola's brother, Jeff Viola, first noticed something wrong during a visit in summer 2006. He had seen his older brother a few months earlier. The contrast was

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Hampton Village seeks \$200,000 PEDC grant

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Hampton Village, a low to moderate-income housing development, is seeking a \$200,000 grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, but they are will to forgo a \$525,000 loan that the corporation has already approved for them.

The problem, according to R.J. Collins, who's heading the project, is the mortgage loan industry. Thrown into chaos at the national level by the sub-prime mortgage crisis, the mortgage industry is such, Collins admitted, that the financing on the project has not been nailed down.

In addition, the Hampton Village project has to install about \$200,000 in infrastructure to meet city requirements. Those requirements include paving, sewer lines, water lines and curbing and gutters beyond the project itself.

Last year, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation agreed to a \$525,000 loan, but Collins said that loan would no longer be needed, but a \$200,000 grant would move the project along. He said that he thought the work could be done for less than \$200,000 and that Hampton Village would pay the costs upfront if they could be reimbursed for the actual costs up to \$200,000.

Collins said failure to grant the \$200,000 payment would not kill the project, but it would slow it down.

Collins said they planned to begin building the infrastructure for the project at Dwight and Alcock by April 1. He said slabs for the single family homes should be poured by July 1, and at least eight of the home, perhaps as many as 16, would be ready for occupancy by Jan. 1, 2009. That would leave about 60 homes to be built.

"We typically do permanent financing with Fannie Mae," Collins said, "but they have been out of the market for seven months." Their rates have also gone up.

Collins said they might be using a loan program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture since Pampa is considered a rural community.

He said Raymond James, a large security firm, has committed \$8 million for the project.

At their monthly meeting, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors also heard a plea from Danny Martin, commander of the Pampa VFW Post. He is trying to raise \$11,000 to bring a traveling war memorial to Pampa.

"It's pretty expensive for us to do," Martin said. "We've got the money to do

it, but we want it to be a community project."

The traveling memorial is a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., at 80 percent the size of the original memorial. At eight-feet high and 370 long, the traveling memorial also includes memorials to veterans of other wars.

The city sponsored it in Perryton last weekend.

Martin said city officials told him they drew 30,000 visitors over the three-day period.

He said the cost of bringing the traveling memorial to Pampa would be about \$9,000 plus four days of motel rooms for the crew. He said he figured it would total about \$11,000.

Martin said he had already raised \$7,300 for the project.

He wants to bring it to Pampa in mid-September.

"If we don't get that date," Martin said, "it'll be 2009."

He said he thought it would be good for the community and would bring the community together. In addition to the traveling memorial, Martin said he would like to see a parade and celebration, noting that over the past year, the VFW has contributed an estimated half million to Pampa's economy.

"I realize that you have bigger fish to fry," Martin told the EDC board, "but this is very important to us as veterans."

In other business, the board amended and approved a draft policy for the electronic marquee sign that will be put up on Hobart near M.K. Brown Auditorium. The old sign died last summer. The city and EDC are splitting the cost of the new \$100,000 sign.

Under the policy, the city will have complete discretion over the sign. It won't be used for commercial advertising and will be used for promotion of events at M.K. Brown Auditorium, community events and tourism.

Shane Stokes, the community relations director for the city, said the new sign should be installed between mid-May and June 1.

The EDC board also approved buying a full-page ad for \$5,235 in an annual magazine produced by High Ground, a coalition of Texas Panhandle and South Plains communities. They also approved a full-page ad in a Pampa News section for \$1,200.

The board set a budget of \$7,500 for remodeling office space in the Pampa Community Building. Dwight Fiveash, Executive Director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, said he had received estimates ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

The board also discussed setting up a community fund through the Amarillo Area

Foundation.

Board member Shawn Clifton said the foundation had some 250 funds that they managed at no charge to the communities.

In order to set up such a fund, Pampa would have to donate \$50,000 and that would be matched by the foundation. Expenditures would be decided by a community advisory board of five people. There would be no restrictions except for what the advisory board set.

President of the board, Ken May, appointed Treasurer Gary Sutherland and Secretary Kathy Cota to work with the EDC's attorney, Vanessa Buzzard, on developing a plan to develop such a fund.

"I'd like to see us stick \$100,000 into this," Sutherland said.

The board approved a trip

for Fiveash to travel to Sweetwater as part of a tour sponsored by Mesa Power to see the wind energy facilities there on March 24.

The board did not approve a thank you letter to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn. The EDC had received a letter from Scott DeStefano of the Public Awareness Group asking them to send the senator a letter thanking him for sponsoring the Patent Reform Act of 2007, and including a form letter.

Sutherland reported the EDC has assets of \$1,747,134.94.

Because the length of the meeting Thursday, the board scheduled a special meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 30, for an executive session.

Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 10.

Champion

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stock of the over 3,500 entries.

"I was pretty nervous going into the ring," said Homen. "The judge did not seem to look at my pig but just a split second. He spent a lot more time looking over

the other pigs. He talked about my pig and said it was really good. Finally he walked over to me and shook my hand and said 'You will be our Grand Champion.' I was so surprised I don't think I even smiled, but I was very, very excited. I could hear my dad yelling."

He is very happy about the scholarship. He said that he is not really sure about what college he plans to go to, but he definitely wants to major in agriculture. This pig also won The Top O Texas Show in Pampa in January.

Homen also showed and placed with a Charlois steer

in San Antonio, as well as a Shorthorn steer in Fort Worth and made the sale. He will be showing a pig at the Houston Stock Show.

Homen is the son of John and Tonya Homen of White Deer and Brenda and Randy Broome of Groom.



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Viewpoints

Getting a feel of the community

Talk to any economic development person and they will tell you that you can offer a business all the incentives in the world, but there is still that almost indefinable "sense of community" that sometimes seals the deal.

In that respect, every town's resident is an extension of the development effort; that is, either you are a goodwill ambassador for your community or you might be part of the reason things don't happen.

It doesn't take long for a newcomer to roam around town and get a grasp of how the community feels about

itself. Several weeks ago, when I was visiting for the first time and living out of a motel room (it was a very nice room, mind you, but it isn't a situation I would enjoy for a long period of time), I managed to roam around the area a bit and get a feel of local attitudes.

It boiled down to this: Pampans like Pampa and are more than willing to tell you about it.

For example, I got up early one Saturday morning and was driving around, just trying to familiarize myself with the community, and

stumbled upon the Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop.

In my world, "early morning" and "coffee" are synonymous and inseparable. Waiting in line at the drive through I was staring off into some mental limbo-land when Brad Mathis tapped on the window to take my order and startled me with that kind of service.

I decided to go in and take a look around, where Pam

Mathis served me a great latte. The stop for coffee

turned into an hour and a half of enjoyable conversation with small business owners who obviously love their community.

And I received a church invite to boot. Oh yeah, and I got my coffee card punched.

One morning at Allsup's, the lady apologized for being out of creamer and offered to open a carton of milk and somehow that led into a con-

versation about grandchildren.

A young lady at the motel talked horses and possible boarding places and went out of her way to give me some names and telephone numbers.

I've walked into banks and real estate offices and grocery stores and have been treated to soliloquies about the virtues of living and growing up in Pampa.

The sense of community in Pampa and the friendliness of its residents are pretty amazing.

Maybe I'm stating the obvious, but folks, it just

isn't like that everywhere.

The people I've met are also straightforward about the less positive aspects of the town and its up and down economic cycles. Right now, things are booming and that's great.

However, one is left with the sense that, boom or bust, what makes people happy here are the things that make people happy everywhere: Family, faith, honest work, a familiar, comfortable connection through history and tradition.

That elusive "sense of community" is evident here. It feels like home.



Randy Pribble
Publisher

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Palm Sunday, March 16, the 76th day of 2008. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre of Vietnamese civilians was carried out by U.S. Army troops; estimates of the death toll vary between 347 and 504. The same day, in Washington, New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

On this date:

In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

'No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true.'

— From "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
American author
(1804-1864)

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, President Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission began operations.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

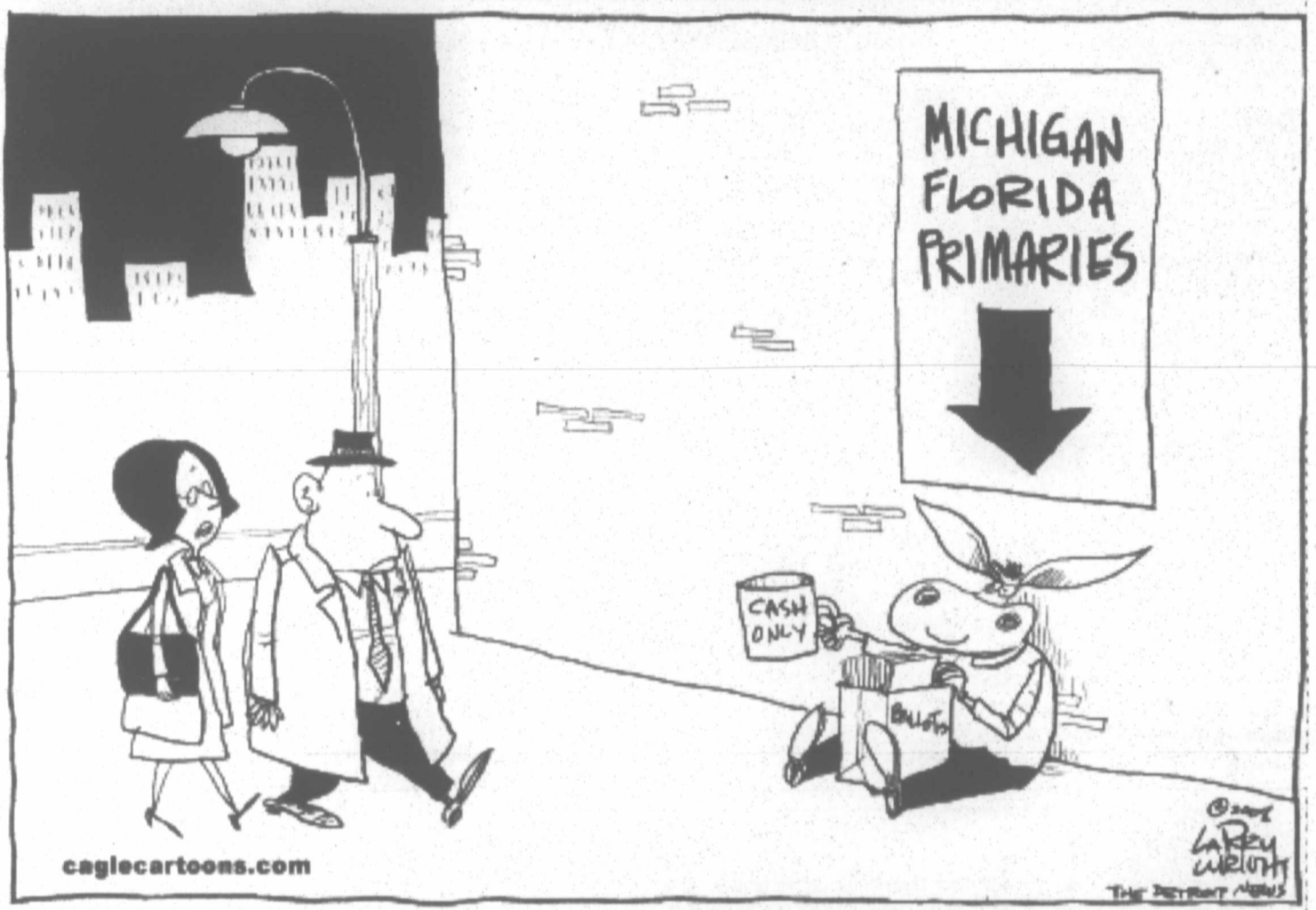
In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

In 1988, a federal grand jury indicted former National Security Adviser John Poindexter, fired White House aide Oliver North, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord and Secord's business partner, Albert Hakim, on charges related to the Iran-Contra affair. (Poindexter and North were later convicted, but had their convictions overturned; Secord and Hakim received probation after each pleaded guilty to a single count.)

Ten years ago: In a long-awaited document that Jewish leaders immediately criticized, the Vatican expressed remorse for the cowardice of some Christians during the Holocaust, but defended the actions of Pope Pius XII.



Idle American: The facts later in life ...

It seems like only yesterday that my friend Roy McQueen thought himself to be "middle-aged." Oh, he knows that life spans would need to reach three digits for this to be a literal truth.

So, he's attempting to glide under the radar, figuring that if others don't bring up the age thing, why should he?

But "others" are ...

There are delicate moments, usually not intended to be. "Delicate" is in the mind of the beholder. We get the "you go first" through the door treatment. We get unprovoked "sirs" in front to balance out the hateful honks from behind.

Those who've attained senior status several years ahead of McQueen have "memory wincses" with him.

"Of course you'll get your 10 percent senior discount," cashiers assure before

they're asked. Such call 'em the way they see 'em statements hurt the first few times when hasty judgments are based on appearances. ...

"You're really in pretty good shape for a person your age," doctors mention, thinking this to provide encouragement.

"For a person your age?" Is it so important to qualify the judgment? If physicians would omit these five words, they might be able to squeeze in two or three more patients on each day's schedule. ...

Anyways, our friend got a good jolt a while back when he and wife Bettie were invited to drive 100 miles (on the crow's aerial maps) to "sit" with their two grand-

children. They love such assignments, often responding with little notice.

Upon arrival, they learned that the kids wanted hamburgers, so their granddad motored down to the hamburger joint. It was a nice evening, and he felt quite dapper in his bright red shirt. ...

Waiting with others in the take-out line, he made a sobering observation. He was the oldest customer in view — by far.

"The crowd looked college-age or younger," McQueen admitted. "They were talking non-stop, to each other and into cell phones. I wondered if I dared ask about a senior discount." No problem! The dis-

count was extended without his asking. Smiling, he paid the ticket, leaving a generous 15 percent tip. McQueen whistled a happy tune on the drive back to the waiting grandkids. ...

At a traffic light, his eyes locked on two words scrawled on the hamburger bag: "old/red."

So that's how they made sure he got the right order. "The burgers were for the old guy in the red shirt," he analyzed.

His face reddening to the tint of his shirt, he thought of returning to the restaurant to retract the tip. But no, too many kids waiting for their burgers would use "old/red" to begin phone text messages about the old guy in the red shirt who wanted his tip back. ...

The whole deal made his See **NEWBURY**, Page 5

Don Newbury

A Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

In March 7 The Dallas Morning News on pollution reducers:

When state environmental officials unveiled their anti-pollution plan for North Texas, plenty of local leaders responded with a collective groan.

The less-than-aggressive proposal didn't go far enough, they said. The plan was insufficient to meet air quality standards. And the region's bad air would continue to be bad for business and a danger to public health, they argued.

Those leaders were right. The plan let polluters off easy.

And for months, government officials were wringing their hands, debating how to add teeth to the proposal and improve our air quality. Then they hit upon one idea to help: Use state grants to replace dirty diesel engines that spew dangerous nitrogen oxides.

The Texas Emissions Reduction Plan offers funds to retrofit or upgrade heavy-duty vehicles. And right now, the state is preparing to distribute about \$110 million in grants.

For local governments, this should be a no-brainer. The process is pretty straightforward.

1. The state awards free money.
2. Cities, counties and school districts buy new, less-polluting vehicles.
3. We all breathe cleaner air.

Just one problem: Local govern-

ments have yet to submit applications for the funds.

The state began accepting requests for this round of grants in January. Several dozen government entities in our nine-county area are eligible to apply.

But two months into this process, the state has received one application from this region.

Thank goodness for the Godley Independent School District. (For those without a map handy, Godley sits about 30 miles southwest of Fort Worth.)

The forward-thinking folks in Godley beat the rush and applied to replace one tractor.

But Godley, with its 997 residents See **POLLUTION**, Page 5

Open house



Kristi and Karli Harden recently attended spring open house at Pampa Junior High School. Parents ate hotdogs and met with teachers.

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hair hurt, but he is learning to make do. We'd better, right?

On our recent cruise to the Mexican Riviera, we saw 150 or so wait staff personnel in the make do mode in the dining room. As is their custom on the first night at sea, they break into song. The selection usually is the signature work from the opera "Tosca," "O Sole Mio."

And they always sing it in Italian, since all officers on Carnival vessels

are Italian. On this night, the selection was directed toward Captain Pierluigi Lanaro and his staff. ...

I noticed that Lanaro managed a weak smile. Maybe his lips quivered; I know he squirmed.

The captain, of course, speaks Italian fluently.

Members of the Pride's crew, numbering 930, are from 67 countries. None of the wait staff, however, is from Italy. So their singing in Italian is several octaves from fluent.

It is amazing, really, how cruise ship personnel seem so ready to make vacationers feel so comfortable. I

know of no industry where all employees, up and down the line, are so well-trained.

Cruises also offer dozens of excursions at ports of call. Typically, the guides are well-versed, ready to spew statistics. On our excursion in Mazatlan, one response was disjointed.

Our guide, no more than so-so in conversational English, was asked about religions in the area. "We're 89 percent Catholic and 11 percent alcoholic," she laughed. ...

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author in the Metroplex.

Dementia

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noticeable. Viola acted aloof and depressed, Jeff said.

Conversations were short and terse, and he seemed apathetic. The disease also impaired his judgment, his brother said.

"They're not aware that their behavior is out of the ordinary," he said. "He denied it, didn't know it."

The disease can be difficult to diagnose. Viola underwent tests and almost a year later, he and his family learned about a disease that slowly is robbing him of himself.

Catherine Pace-Savitsky, executive director of the Association for Frontotemporal Dementias, said the disease usually takes about two years to diagnose. Doctors might check for stress, depression, brain tumors, Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease before determining the problem is frontotemporal dementia.

Tests do not give end-all answers or positive/negative results, Shapira said. Instead, medical staff must put all the pieces together. Shapira has to take a list of symptoms and line them up with what MRI and PET scans show in terms of the patient's brain activity.

In frontotemporal dementia, either or both the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain contain nerve cells hurt by damaged protein deposits. That leads to atrophy of the lobes. This affects concentration and attention. Afflicted patients begin to exhibit repetitive behavior, causing their actions to be in contrast with their usual personality. No medication exists to treat the condition, though patients can receive help for some of the symptoms.

Shapira used the example of a gourmand who begins to eat the same fast-food meal every day. Some patients might run a row of red lights, a repetitive behavior they cannot control.

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(and one tractor), can't do this alone. North Texas leaders have set a target of replacing 4,500 diesel engines. And while this program is open to the private sector as well, strong participation among local governments, with their large vehicle fleets, is essential.

The lack of applications raises the question: Did Dallas County's get lost in the mail? Has Arlington Independent School District forgotten to apply? Does the city of Plano want to help improve air quality?

Many leaders have been quick to point out problems with the region's inadequate plan for reducing pollution. Now, they have the opportunity to be part of the solution.

Governments have one more month to submit applications.

State officials remain optimistic that a number of North Texas governments will meet the April deadline. And Richard Greene, regional administrator for the

Environmental Protection Agency, said he doesn't doubt leaders' commitment to reducing pollution.

But with time growing short, local governments can't afford to let this deadline slip through the bureaucratic cracks.

Mr. Greene already has sent letters to leaders in the area's largest cities, urging them to apply. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has held workshops to explain the process. The state has set up a hotline to answer questions.

Local governments should not be lacking for information.

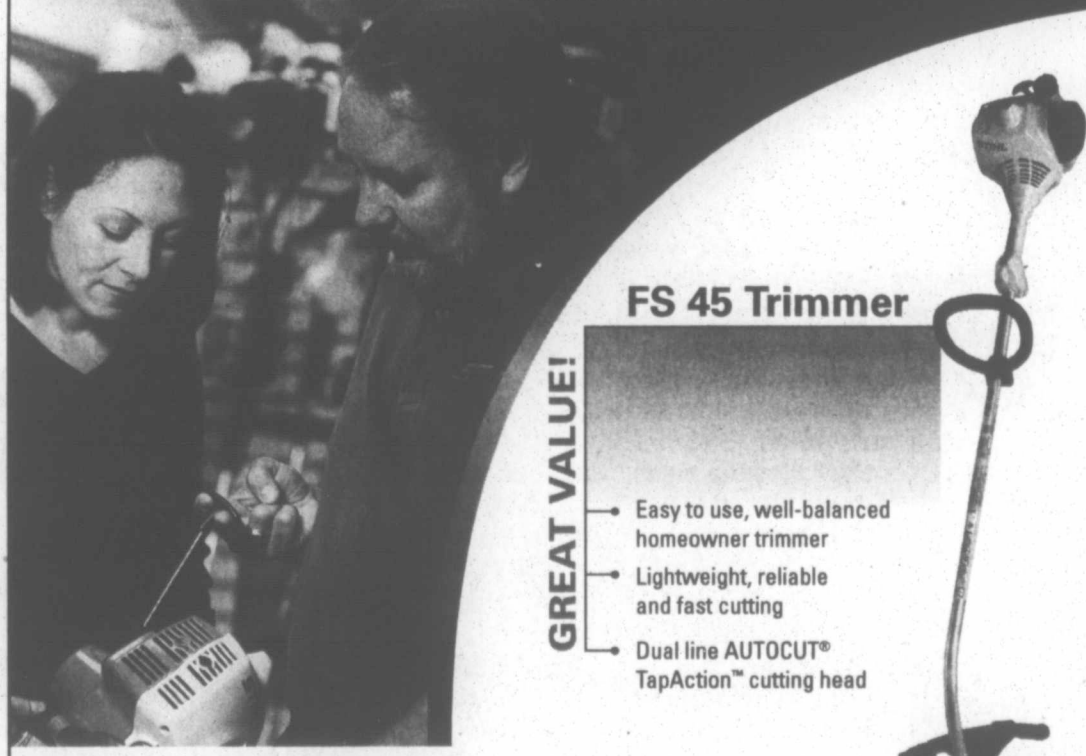
In discussions about air quality, coal plants and cement kilns usually grab the headlines. But aging diesel engines present a serious and often overlooked public health threat. Getting these heavy-duty vehicles off the road gives North Texas a fighting chance to meet federal pollution targets.

Mr. Greene says that replacing diesel engines offers the best bang for our anti-pollution buck. And the best news for local governments? The state is offering the bucks.

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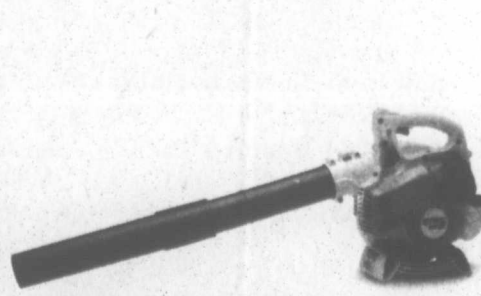
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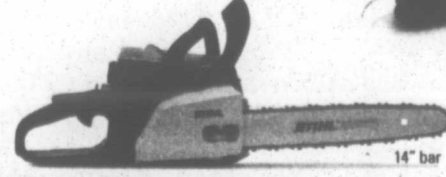
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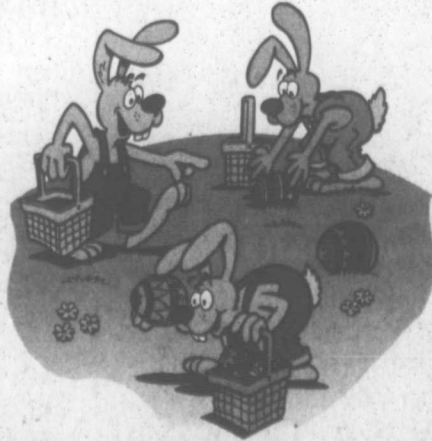
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Intentions to Drill
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., #4 G.W. Deahl, 998' from South & 355' from East line, Sec. 4,—,H&GN, PD 3300' (BHL: #1, 998' from South & 1923' from West Sec. line, #2, 1358' from North & 355' from East Sec. line) Horizontal Recompletion
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON-PARKS Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Kiker, Sec. 6,Z-1,ACH&B, for the following wells:
#606, 1650' from North & West line of Sec., PD 15000'.
#706, 2310' from North & 1650' from East line of Sec., PD 14350'.
#1606, 990' from South & East line of Sec., PD 14400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #1 Begert Trust %, 660' from North & West line, Sec. 5,41,H&TC, PD 13700'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Meek, Sec. 45,M-1,H&GN, for the following wells:
#1345, 467' from North & 990' from East line of Sec., PD 13500'.
#4045, 765' from North & 1047' from West line of Sec., PD 13545'.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., Hobart Ranch, PD 12800', for the following wells:
#1670, 2020' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 70,A-2,H&GN.
#2267, 230' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 67,A-2,H&GN.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1 Hemphill SWD '5', 406' from North & 2222' from West line, Sec. 5,1,I&GN, PD 7000'. Injection well
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #10 Mendota Ranch '36', 2560' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 36,1,I&GN, PD 12500'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C., #19 Mendota Ranch '34', 467' from South & West line, Sec. 34,1,I&GN, PD 12500'.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., Huth, Sec. 5,M-24,TCRR, PD 3650', for the following wells:
#1305, 330' from South & 1950' from East line of Sec.
#1405, 1175' from South & East line of Sec.
#1505, 2250' from North & 330' from East line of Sec.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., Lucas 'A', Sec. 21,—,DL&C, PD 3650', for the following wells:
#20, 1010' from South & 4230' from East line of Sec.
#21, 1750' from South & 330' from East line of Sec.
#22, 380' from South & 2950' from East line of Sec.
#23, 990' from South & 2310' from East line of Sec.
#24, 330' from South & 1550' from East line of Sec.
#25, 990' from South & East line of Sec.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR-LIPS St. Louis) Range Production Co., #701 Courson Ranch, 1565' from North & 991' from East line, Sec. 1,—,BBB&C, PD 10000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Unit Petroleum Co., #1H Courson-Lips, 2300' from North & 1900' from West line, Sec. 158,13,T&NO, PD 3999' (BHL: 200' from South & 467' from West Sec. line)
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Jones Energy, Ltd., #231H Vollmert Trust, 467' from South & 567' from West line, Sec. 31,B-1,H&GN, PD 9000' (BHL: 467' from North & West Sec. line) Horizontal
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & NORTH MENDOTA Upper

Morrow) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Flowers 'A', 1900' from South & 2650' from West line, Sec. 80,B-1,H&GN, PD 11200'.
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, Byrum '4', Sec. 4,B-1,H&GN, PD 11000', for the following wells:
#22, 2200' from South & 467' from East line of Sec.
#26, 2300' from North & 467' from West line of Sec.
WHEELER (WILDCAT) Apache Corp., #101 R. Moore, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 1,L,J.M. Lindsey, PD 18000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-PARKS 12350') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #7 Elmore '21', 2330' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 21,RE,R&E, PD 16000'.
WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., #105 Sallie, 1980' from North & East line, Sec. 5,L, J.M. Lindsey, PD 16400'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & P.C.X. Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Reynolds, Sec. 25,4,CCCSSL, PD 14620', for the following wells:
#3025, 640' from South & 2385' from East line of Sec.
#4025, 2185' from South & 815' from East line of Sec.
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1 Britt Ranch SWD, 1800' from South & 2200' from West line, Sec. 6,5,B&B, PD 5500'. Injection well
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Zephyr Lone Star Operating Co., L.L.C., #201 Dobson, 2100' from South & 2300' from West line, Sec. 1,2,B&B, PD 14000'.

Oil Well Completions
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., #26 Crosby

AgriLife Extension to host workshops for cattle producers

By STEVE BYRNS
Extension News

SAN ANGELO — Texas AgriLife Extension Service has set the dates for its Beef Cattle Standardized Performance Analysis workshops.
The dates, times and locations are:
-April 22, 8:30 a.m., Young County Arena, 120 Barclay Blvd., Graham.
-April 30, 8:30 a.m., Management, Instruction and Research Center, 7945 Grape Creek Road, San Angelo.

-May 7, 8:30 a.m. Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, U.S. Hwy 70, Vernon.
"The Standardized Performance Analysis or SPA, program can make good cattle managers better by measuring individual operations and comparing them to a pool of similar operations," said Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist at San Angelo.
"Participants will complete an in-depth financial and production analysis of their cow herd, specifically the calves weaned in 2007," he said.
"This analysis will give them an excellent idea of where they currently stand," Thompson said. "Comparing their findings with others helps them establish both short- and long-term goals for their herd."

This is an intensive workshop aimed at having ranchers complete the standard performance analysis for the 2007 calf crop.
Registered participants will be sent forms to organize data before the workshop. Confidentiality of the producer's data will be maintained.
Following completion of the analysis, each participant will receive an individual meeting with a specialist certified in the program, and guidance on developing and using the information to measure cow herd performance and cash flow, according to Thompson.
They will also get a "herd report card" that compares their herd's performance to other herds, he said. Software and supporting materials will be provided.
"We've enjoyed relatively high calf prices over the last several years, but as ethanol continues to drive feed and fertilizer prices up, cattle producers could find themselves in a

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& Hatcher 'A', Sec. 5,M-24,TCRR, spud 11-30-07, drlg. compl 12-19-07, tested 1-30-08, pumped 20 bbl. of oil + 130 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 1750, TD 3630', PBDT 3583' — Form 1 in Stallion Energy

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., #24 David & Hansen, Sec. 1,M-16,AB&M, spud 12-13-07, drlg. compl 1-25-07, tested 2-13-08, pumped 13.3 bbl. of oil + 92 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 7594, TD 3580', PBDT 3541' — Form 1 in Stallion Energy

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., #203 South Herring, J. Turner Survey, spud 11-21-07, drlg. compl 12-27-07, tested 2-7-08, pumped 1 bbl. of oil + 41 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 10000, TD 3328', PBDT 3298' — Form 1 in Stallion Energy

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, SW Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Mahler 'B', Sec. 106,C,G&M, spud 10-21-07, drlg. compl 11-23-07, tested 2-11-08, flowed 138 bbl. of 46 grav. oil + 89 bbls. water thru 20/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 5282/1, TD 11200', PBDT 10880' —

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #2H Boyd, Sec. 41,23,H&GN, spud 4-10-07, drlg. compl 4-22-07, tested 12-13-07, potential 35 MCF, MD 4865', TVD 2610' — Horizontal Recompletion

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3046 Dodd, Sec. 46,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-18-07, drlg. compl 1-8-08, tested 2-6-08, potential 3075 MCF, TD 13720', PBDT 13609' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #26 Hemphill Esler '11', Sec. 11,4,AB&M, spud 10-12-07, drlg. compl 10-31-07, tested 11-30-07, TD 13157', PBDT 13055' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #1 Shreeves '24', Sec. 24,41,H&TC, spud 11-29-07, drlg. compl 12-7-07, tested 1-29-08, TD 8305', PBDT 8194' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #4011 Walker, Sec. 11,41,H&TC, spud 11-17-07, drlg. compl 11-25-07, tested 1-27-08, TD 8220', PBDT 8091' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1669 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 69,A-2,H&GN, spud 11-17-07, drlg. compl 12-17-07, tested 1-31-08, potential 3628 MCF, TD 12800', PBDT 12708' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #4 Thorne '18B', Sec. 18,Y,W,W. Lewis, spud 10-30-07, drlg. compl 11-15-07, tested 12-23-07, TD 11895', PBDT 11843' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #21 Frank Shaller, Sec. 2,—,GH&H, spud 1-14-08, drlg. compl 1-26-08, tested 2-18-08, TD 10830', PBDT 10783' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4 Mendota '14' SE, Sec. 14,1,I&GN, spud 7-25-07, drlg. compl 8-15-07, tested 12-4-07, potential 1862 MCF, TD 11350', PBDT 11304' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #5

Vollmert 'C', Sec. 10,—,BS&F, spud 7-8-07, drlg. compl 7-27-07, tested 1-11-08, TD 11330', PBDT 11100' —

ROBERTS (NORTH MENDOTA Upper Morrow) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Chambers 'A', Sec. 120,C,G&M, spud 7-30-07, drlg. compl 8-25-07, tested 12-7-07, TD 10450', PBDT 10338' —

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #3 Hall-Osborne '66', Sec. 66,M-2,H&GN, spud 5-2-07, drlg. compl 5-22-07, tested 2-5-08, potential 1423 MCF, TD 11014', PBDT 10540' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1337 Hefley, Sec. 37,M-1,H&GN, spud 10-28-07, drlg. compl 11-23-07, tested 1-5-08, TD — not shown, PBDT — not shown —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #8051A Finsterwald Dobbs, Sec. 51,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-19-07, drlg. compl 1-4-08, tested 1-29-08, potential 2356 MCF, TD 13644', PBDT 13586' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #8060A Helton, Sec. 60,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-12-07, drlg. compl 12-29-07, tested 1-23-08, potential 919 MCF, TD 13466', PBDT 13286' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #3248 Hefley, Sec. 48,M-1,H&GN, spud 11-14-07, drlg. compl 12-3-07, tested 2-14-08, TD 13700', PBDT 13126' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #904 Stiles '\$', Sec. 4,a-3,H&GN, spud 11-20-07, drlg. compl 1-5-08, tested 2-6-08, potential 5719 MCF, TD 16650', PBDT 16630' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #1018 Stiles '18', Sec. 18,A-3,H&GN, spud 10-9-07, drlg. compl 12-6-07, tested 2-11-08, TD MCF, TD 16430', PBDT 16408' —

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #4 Holt '19', Sec. 19,RE,R&E, spud 11-5-07, drlg. compl 11-28-07, tested 2-14-08, TD 14400', PBDT 14314' —

Plugged Wells

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Ag programs to focus on cotton

By KAY LEDBETTER
Extension News

LUBBOCK — Harvesting, irrigation and pest management methods will be discussed at two free Best Management Practices training seminars being offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the National Cotton Council.

The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 1 at Moore County Community Building in Dumas and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 2 at Reece Technology Center in Lubbock, according to Randy Boman, AgriLife Extension cotton agronomist in Lubbock.

"I think this is a good opportunity for producers to hone in on very important subject matter within the realm of cotton production," Boman said. "The format of these meetings will allow producers and consultants to ask questions of the speakers. Really, it is encouraged."

Extension and research personnel from various states, as well as crop consultants from across the Cotton Belt, worked together to produce a set of best management practices, said Bill Robertson, Cotton Council manager. This was done with the overall goal of helping cotton growers increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of their production systems.

Two papers generated as a result of this collaboration — "The First 40 Days" and "Fruiting to Finish" — will be utilized during the workshops to generate in-depth discussions of variety selection, pest management and harvest practices such as stripper versus picker harvesting.

Presenters will be from AgriLife Extension, Texas AgriLife Research and Texas Tech University.

"We certainly want to encourage producers to attend this, as well as crop consultants," Boman said. "It won't be a regular

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Local cattle company joins Angus association

Cantonment Cattle Co. in Pampa recently joined the American Angus Association®, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national breed registry organization in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The association, with more than 36,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 16

million registered Angus. The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high

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cost-price squeeze," Thompson said. "That's why a sound business plan and overall efficiency is so important now."

Event organizers would like participants to register as early as possible, so they can be provided with assistance in gathering and organizing the records and data needed to complete the analysis.

For more information and to register, contact Thompson at 325-653-4576, w-thompson@tamu.edu or contact Stan Bevers at 940-552-9941, ext. 231 or s-bevers@tamu.edu.

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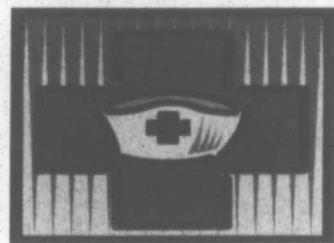
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Amarillo Symphony to share spotlight with young musicians

AMARILLO — One of the country's top youth orchestra conductors will take the podium for a concert spotlighting the Amarillo Symphony and the best young musicians in the area.

Allen Tinkham, conductor of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, will join the symphony on the invitation of Music Director and Conductor Kimbo Ishii-Eto for the symphony's annual concert featuring the Amarillo Youth Symphony on March 28 and 29.

Also featured is Erin Weber, the winner of the Amarillo Symphony Guild's Young Performers Competition. Weber, an Amarillo High School junior

and member of the Amarillo Symphony, will perform Camille Saint-Saëns' "Havanaise."

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets normally run from \$18 to \$56 (\$16 for students and seniors), but by taking advantage of the Fly Standby with the symphony offer, many audience members will get their seats for \$15 each in some of the best seats in the house.

For these limited standby seats, call the symphony office at (806) 376-8782 or visit www.amarillosymphony.org. Otherwise, patrons can purchase tickets through Panhandletickets through its several outlets, via phone at (806) 378-3096 or its Web site, www.panhandletickets.com.

"This concert will highlight the same top-notch musicianship that our audiences have come to expect, with some of the most entertaining compositions from favorite composers," said Nathan Newbrough, the symphony's executive director. "But this concert also

serves as a reminder of how incredibly talented this area's young musicians are, and how important they are to the future of the symphony."

Tinkham will lead the symphony through two works: Giuseppe Verdi's overture to "La Forza del Destino (The Force of Destiny)" and a suite of dances from Piotr Ilych Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake."

The Youth Symphony will join the symphony during the concert's second half for Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2, "Romantic."

Tinkham worked closely with Dr. Mark Bartley, the symphony's associate conductor and director of the Youth Symphony program, to find a fitting piece for the side-by-side performance.

Commissioned to celebrate the Boston Symphony Orchestra's 50th anniversary, Hanson's "Romantic" Symphony is perhaps best known for being used in "Alien."

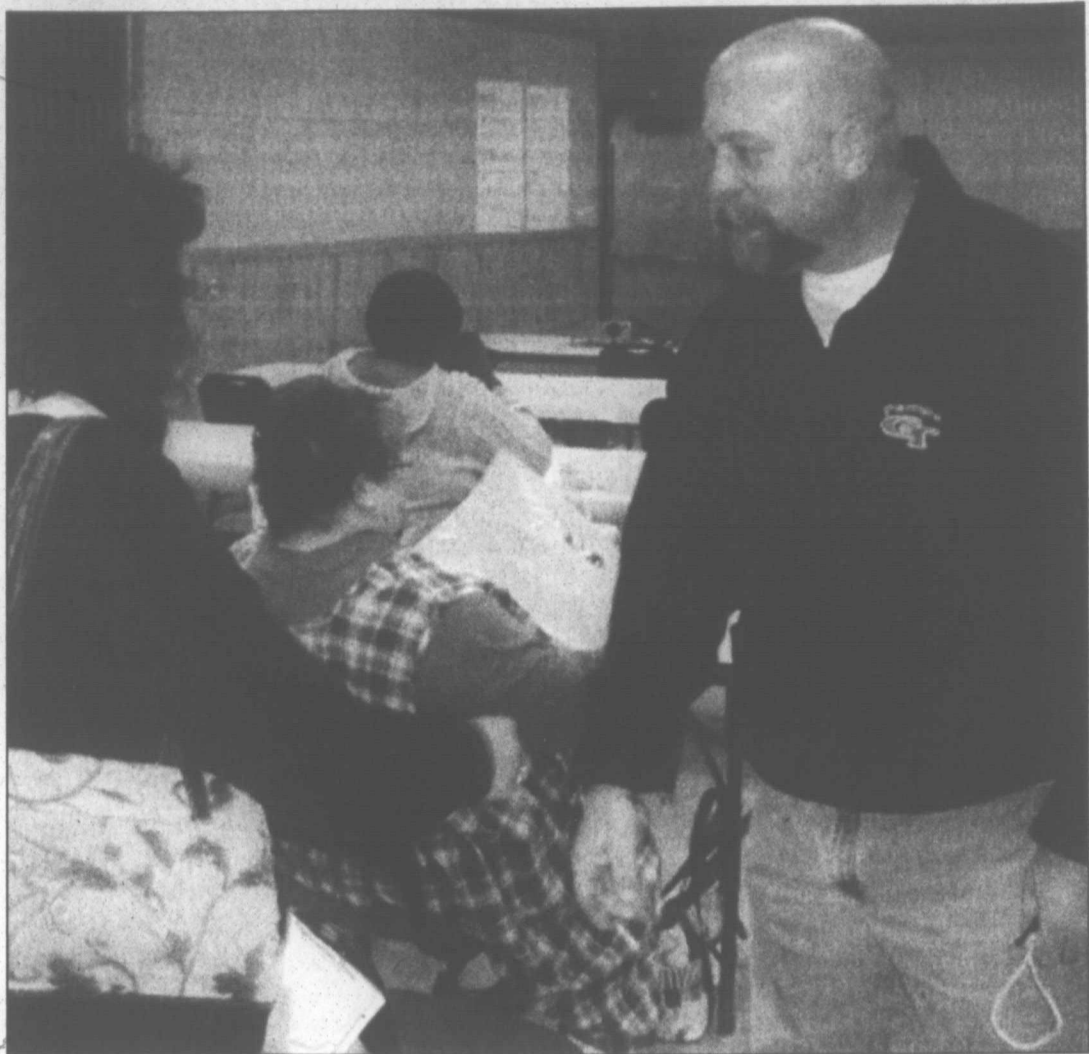
"These side-by-side opportunities are so important and rare for young musicians. Young people learn how to play music the same way we learn to speak; we learn by imitation and by exposure. It's the whole idea of apprenticeship, the way people have learned skilled trades for millennia," Tinkham said.

"If music moves you, then young people playing music well has to be the most moving thing possible," he said.

Tinkham has served as music director for the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras since 2001. As

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Parent University



COURTESY PHOTO
Paul Nies recently greeted parents during the local school district's "Parent University."

Pampa Junior High



COURTESY PHOTO
Two sixth grade history classes at Pampa Junior High School combined recently to listen to a program presented by foreign exchange students Lina Von Hacht of Germany and Hanna Baumgartner of Austria. Above: (back row, left-right) Hanna Baumgartner and Lina Von Hacht; (front, l-r) Allison Leigh, Aaron Sackett and Marcus Jernigan.

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Extension meeting, but more of a discussion-oriented meeting."

Continuing education units will be offered for certified crop advisors and for those who need credits from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico departments of agriculture, he said.

Seating is limited, Robertson said. Those planning to attend should RSVP to BMP@cotton.org and provide information concerning the meeting they want to attend, along with an e-mail address and phone number.

Lunch will be provided at both workshops, he said. Bayer CropScience sponsored the two papers and will sponsor the workshops.

For more information, contact Boman at 806-746-6101 or r-boman@tamu.edu, or Robertson at BMP@cotton.org.

Increasing iron uptake in infants

By ANN PERRY
ARS News

Researchers with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Cornell University have developed new techniques for boosting the amount of iron infants absorb from solid food.

Children who are five to six months old are growing rapidly and need sufficient iron to fuel their development. However, this is also the time when an infant's first iron reserves start becoming depleted.

Physiologist Raymond Glahn at the ARS Plant, Soil and Nutrition Research Unit in Ithaca, N.Y., worked with Cornell nutritionist Rebecca Stoltzfus and graduate student Helena Pachón (who now works at Colombia's International Center for Tropical Agriculture) to find ways to increase infants' iron uptake.

The team processed freeze-dried samples of chicken liver and beef in a blender, which reduced the meat to small, uniform particles. They found that these particles — which become distributed evenly throughout cereals because of their size and consistency — can serve as a source of supplementary iron for infants.

In addition, in vitro tests indicated that iron uptake from



Photo by MARIA REYNA LIRIA DOMINGUEZ
Taste tests were conducted at the Instituto de Investigación Nutricional in Lima, Peru, to gauge the acceptability of porridge to infants.

cereal supplemented with the beef particles was greater when blending time was increased. Chicken liver particles processed in a blender for six minutes resulted in more than twice as much iron uptake than chicken liver blended for just 60 seconds.

This research can help address iron deficiency-induced anemia, a problem that affects as much as one-third of the global population. In developing countries, infants and children are especially susceptible to anemia because the solid foods they eat are often low in iron. In addition, they may not be able to absorb the iron efficiently.

Adding ingredients such as chicken thigh or chicken liver to infant meals can provide impoverished communities with more heme iron. This form of iron, which contains molecules of hemoglobin and myoglobin, is more easily absorbed and used by the body for nutritional health.

This work was funded by ARS, the National Institutes of Health, and Kraft Foods.

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

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.

WEST TEXAS A&M

Nominations sought for alumni awards

CANYON — The Alumni Association at West Texas A&M University is accepting nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumnus Award as well as for the 2008 University Excellence Award.

Award winners will be recognized during the Alumni Association's annual Phoenix Banquet this spring.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to WTAMU graduates who hold at least one degree from the university, who are professionally

successful and who contribute to the betterment of the university, society and their profession.

The University Excellence Award goes to a WTAMU staff or faculty member with at least three years of outstanding service to WTAMU, students, the community and their profession.

Nominations for both awards will be accepted through Friday, March 21.

"These awards complement the

Alumni Association's mission of recognizing the successes and accomplishments of our graduates as well as acknowledging the hard work and commitment of our faculty and staff," J. Frank Kiker, director of Alumni Relations, said. "I encourage anyone connected with the university to nominate individuals for one or both awards."

Individuals who were nominated in

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Music

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music director, Tinkham oversees the artistic programming and faculty for the organization. Tinkham has led the CYSO in performances at Chicago's Orchestra Hall and Grant Park, New York's Carnegie Hall, and in the cities of Prague, Budapest, Eisenstadt and Vienna. During his tenure, the CYSO has twice won ASCAP awards for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music.

Prior to his appointment in Chicago, he served for two seasons as Apprentice

Conductor of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. Recent engagements include the symphonies of Dubuque, Kansas City and St. Louis, as well as All-State Festivals in Florida, Md., Rhode Island and New York. He has been featured on the American Symphony Orchestra League's Conductor Preview (2003), and was one of only three Americans selected to participate in the 14th International Nicolai Malko Competition for Young Conductors in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Since 1924, the Amarillo Symphony has been filling audiences with an unbridled enthusiasm for the performance and discovery of great

orchestral music. As the only professional orchestra in the Panhandle area, the Symphony employs 85 skilled musicians to perform for more than 2,300 subscribers each year.

In addition to its regular concerts, the Symphony offers an array of successful education programs, from youth orchestras to special-

ized music programs for underprivileged children, bringing the gift of music to thousands of young people throughout the Texas Panhandle each year.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to a wonderful man. "Dave" and I are in our late 30s. When Dave was about 5, he was with two of his cousins who were about the same age. The three were inseparable. While they were playing, the smaller cousin fell into a pond, and the older one jumped in after him and tried to save him. All my husband could do was stand and watch as both of his little cousins -- his best friends -- drowned before his eyes. He ran for help, but by then it was too late. I know most of the story from my mother-in-law, as Dave is unwilling to talk about it. Last night, I went upstairs and there was my darling, weeping uncontrollably. Dave told me that he lives with horrible depression every day because of what happened, and he can't get past it. I want my husband to see a grief counselor, but he refuses because he doesn't think he'd be able to talk about it. Abby, I love my husband. He doesn't deserve to live with this horror for the rest of his life. How can I convince him to get professional help? -- **HURTING FOR MY HUSBAND**

DEAR HURTING: Remind Dave that when this happened, he was only 5, and under the circumstances, he did everything he could to save his cousins. Although this incident, which has haunted him all these years, will be difficult to talk about, it's the only way to rid himself of the feelings of helplessness and survivor guilt from which he is clearly suffering. Talking to a counselor will help him to reclaim his life and rid himself of his depression. For a couple of sessions, he may indeed just sit there and cry. But tears can be healing. And eventually he WILL be able to talk about what happened. Clip this column, give it to your husband, and tell him that I, too, am urging him to get the help he needs. He's in my thoughts and prayers, and the longest journey begins with a single step.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in the process of creating a will. We have a 29-year-old son, married, with two young daughters. We also have a single 25-year-old son. I have an engagement diamond with matching wedding band, and a mother's ring with diamonds and rubies. Both are of great sentimental value to me. Because I don't have a daughter, what is standard etiquette? My instinct is to will them to both granddaughters, but I don't want my daughter-in-law to feel slighted. She's very important to me. Any "rules" on this one? -- **WONDERING IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR WONDERING: Leave them to your granddaughters. Upon your death, they should go to your daughter-in-law for "safekeeping" until the girls are old enough to appreciate both their monetary and sentimental value.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently at a family gathering with my husband's family. His uncle was hosting the party, and his wife asked me a question that I honestly didn't know the answer to. His uncle's wife asked me how she should introduce me to their friends. Should she say, "This is our nephew's wife" or should she introduce me as their "niece"? What's the right answer for a situation like this? -- **NANCY IN ARNOLD, MD.**

DEAR NANCY: Tell your husband's aunt that the next time she makes the introductions, she should say, "This is our nephew, 'Bob,' and his lovely wife, Nancy," and to say it with a smile.

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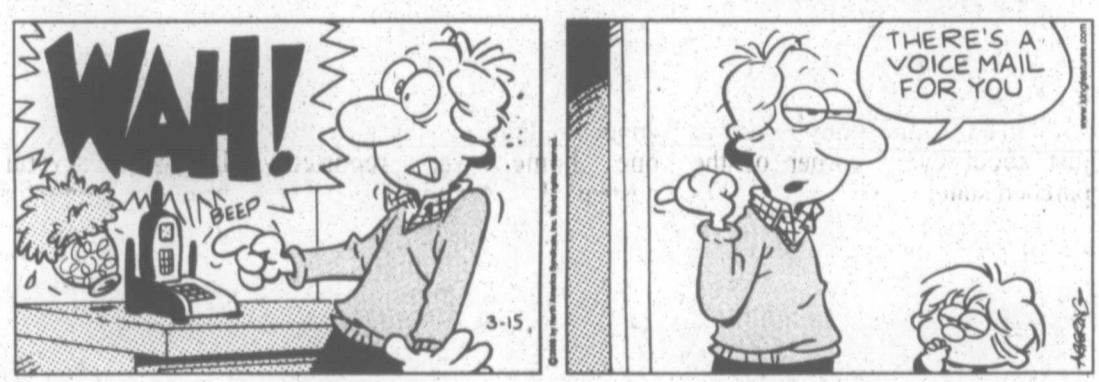
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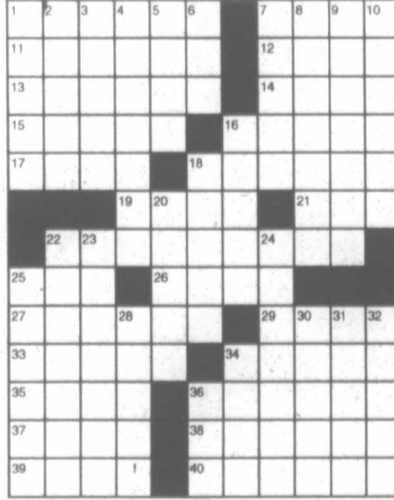
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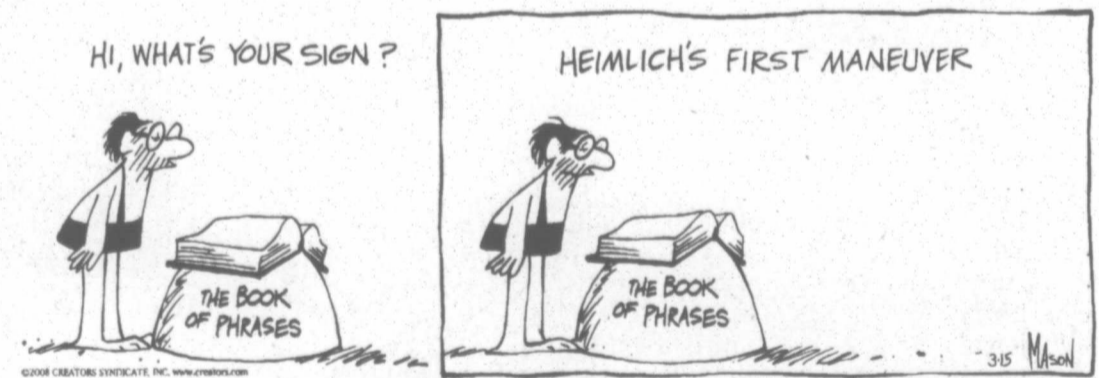


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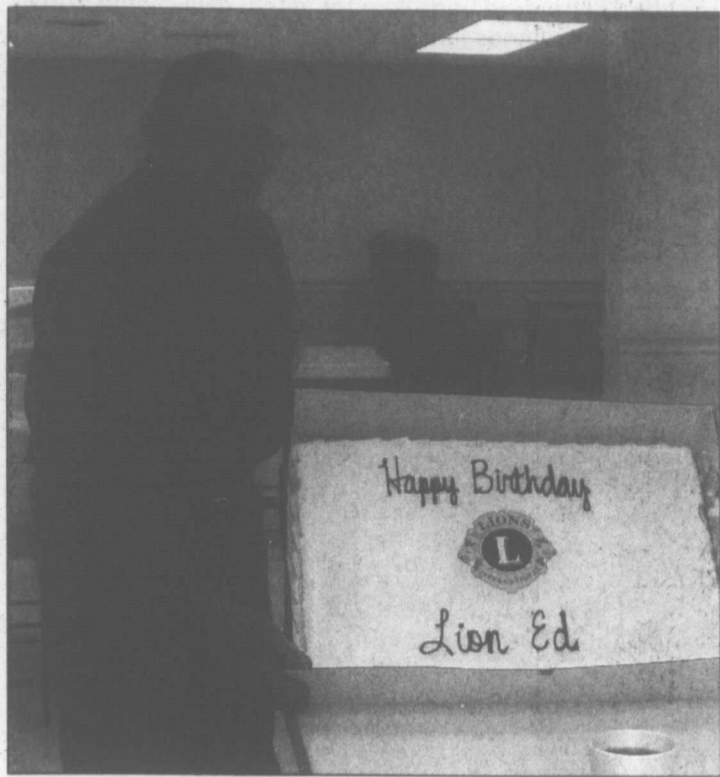
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At a recent Lions Club meeting, Ed Weins celebrated his 88th birthday with fellow Lions. Lions Club President Kyle Parnell recognized Brad Pingel and Lance DeFever for new members in the group.



Letters to the Editor

Our readers write....

Dear Editor,
I am writing regarding the story about the two pit bulls on the front page of the newspaper. Our neighborhood had two pit bulls that were on our street about two weeks ago. A grandmother was pulling her 10-month-old grandson in a wagon down to the end of the block to visit a friend. She was one house away when two pit bulls turned the corner and charged at her and the

baby. I believe that's called aggression. She got the baby out of the wagon and ran into her friend's garage screaming, with the dogs just a car length away from her, just as the animal control and three police cars turned the corner, chasing the dogs. They caught one and the other one got away and I was told they returned the dog to its owner.

City officials, you need to take care of the dog problem in Pampa before the citizens do. If it's a state law, then do something to change it. Oh yes, I don't think I ever saw a chihuahua eat a baby or a horse, have you?
Judy Riley, Shawn Watson, Marybeth Holland, Sheila Eccles - all from Pampa

Dear Editor,
In reference to Michael Reagan's article in your Feb. 20 issue, he appears to be a Iraq war hawk who has the temerity to write that if we love our nation we must support Sen. McCain, the noted Bush/Cheney supporter. Are the following facts or mere fiction? One - Michael is the adopted son of Ronald Reagan and not actually blood related. Two - Ronald Reagan was a war avoider

being a reserve officer called to active duty in 1941 who suddenly developed terrible eyesight and was given limited duty near Hollywood during WWII. Three - For many years there have been constant rumors that McCain as a POW collaborated in various ways with his Hanoi captors and received favored treatment, such as an apartment in Hanoi with girl friends. Fourth - Some think that McCain is at this best as an obedi-

ent media hack for the few rich in control of all major press and television outlets. What are the facts on the above Michael?
Further, I just phone the Obama campaign office in Houston and the girl said she had not heard that before but to hold on and she would look for any Che Guevara pictures, but none found.
Richard Corbyn - Amarillo

Dear Editor,
I have been complaining to city government for three years about these problems, but with no results. Here is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Mayor Lonny Robbins:
Dear Mayor, You said the citizens need to take ownership of cleaning up Pampa. You suggested civic and church groups and I agree if it is a common area like a park or highway, but we have a much larger problem, it is neighbors in our neighborhoods. These neighbors never cut weeds

that are chest-high and a fire and pest haven. They throw out old cars, tires, appliances, water heaters, mattresses and furniture in their backyards or in the alleys next to trash dumpsters. Many of these items stay there for years. These are a hazard to our health and property. Amarillo seems to have a solution: identify where the problem is, send a letter, follow up to see if the problem was resolved and take action. The action is either a fine or to have a contractor clean the area

and charge the homeowner or renter for the labor. Other area towns also do not allow this to endanger the health and property of their citizens, so why do we?
Please don't feel sorry for these people. They just don't care. Don't let them tell you they don't have money to hire necessary trucks and labor, because they have money for beer and other life style choices.
Unite for change.
M.N.Miller - Pampa

Firefighters battling blazes in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Firefighters battled major wildfires on a hot and windy Friday in just about every corner of the parched state.

"It's about as bad as we thought it would be," said Lewis Kearney, a Texas Forest Service spokesman.

No injuries were immediately reported as blazes had destroyed more than 5,200 acres by early evening.

In West Texas, a King County fire apparently sparked by a vehicle fire had consumed more than 1,000 acres and threatened 230 structures. The flames jumped Highway 82, which was closed in the area, Kearney said.

A fire in Callahan County near the small town of Clyde spread to 600 acres but was 75 percent contained by early evening, he said. In adjoining Taylor County near Abilene, a 100-acre fire threatened a few homes and two dozen oil and gas structures, Kearney said.

To the southwest in Pecos County near Fort Stockton, firefighters were battling a 2,000-acre fire.

In Central Texas, four fires in Hays County south of San

Marcos consumed about 500 acres and forced the evacuation of about 40 homes, where at least one home was reportedly destroyed. Authorities were investigating the possibility that one fire was arson, Kearney said.

Two brush fires totaling 150 acres broke out at Fort Hood, the sprawling Central Texas Army post near Killeen. Both were contained by Friday afternoon, although one had been close to a military housing unit, said Col. Diane Battaglia, a post spokeswoman.

In North Texas, firefighters were trying to put out a 120-acre blaze in Palo Pinto County and a 75-acre fire in Jack County and had extinguished a 135-acre grass fire in Johnson County.

Two 300-acre wildfires were reported in Duval County in South Texas, including one apparently caused by welding, Kearney said.

The National Weather Service's red-flag warning about the high fire potential was in effect for much of Texas until early Saturday morning. Nearly all of

the state except East Texas was under a burn ban.

After identifying the fire threat last week, several agencies had been preparing for the worst by bringing in tanker airplanes, helicopters and bulldozers from around the country.

Earlier Friday, Jack Colley, chief of the state's Division of Emergency Management, said officials would do their best, but "I'm not sure anybody's going to be able to stay ahead of it."

Officials said near record-high temperatures, strong winds, low humidity and dry, brittle grasses across the state were ingredients for devastating wildfires. They said the conditions were eerily similar to March 12, 2006, when 900,000 acres burned in the Panhandle, killing 12 people and 4,000 livestock in less than 12 hours.



Pampa News Photo by REDONN WOODS
Freda Helfer was the winner of this "Big Ape" from a recent drawing at Heard-Jones Healthmart. Pictured with her are employees Sharon Cook and Ada Westbrook.

Nev. man paints car to look like police cruiser

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP) — Jessie Vigil isn't a police officer, but the car he drives sure makes him look like one.

Vigil painted his 2007 Ford Mustang black and white, added a red-and-blue emergency bar across the top and painted the word "police" on the doors. The decorating started last summer, in an effort to make the car look like the police cruiser in the "Transformers" movie because his 7-year-old son, Thomas, was a fan.

"My intent was to recreate the movie car," said Vigil, a 35-year-old disabled veteran from the war in Iraq. "When I came back from Iraq, I tried to spoil him. I wasn't the best dad before."

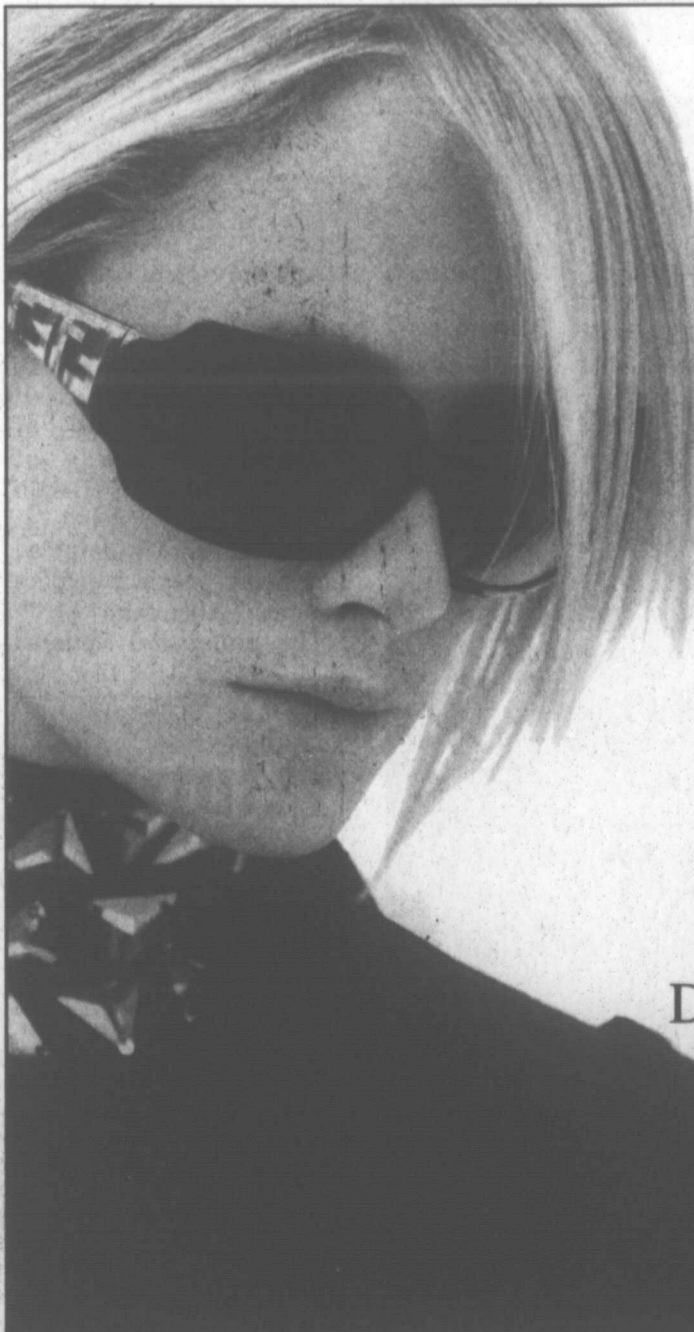
Law enforcement agencies say what he's done with his car isn't illegal as long as

he doesn't act like a police officer.

Vigil said he called the district attorney's office beforehand and spoke to Chief Deputy District Attorney Joe Ulibarri, who tried to discourage his decorating scheme but couldn't find anything in the law that would stop Vigil as long as he didn't impersonate an officer.

Ulibarri said a state law prevents people from mimicking state police cars, which are painted black and white. But he also said the state police sell their old cars to private citizens without changing the colors.

"I don't think this guy has any intent to mimic a state police officer," Ulibarri said. "I'm not hearing that he is causing a problem and arresting people."



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Junior bulls and bears: School promotes financial literacy

By **DAVE CARPENTER**
AP Business Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Like their peers elsewhere, the students at a one-of-a-kind public elementary school on the South Side of Chicago are dazzled by pop-culture stars — Beyonce and Common, Kanye West and Lil' Wayne, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade.

Listen closely to the hallway chatter at Ariel Community Academy, though, and you may hear unexpected references to uncool dudes like Warren Buffett and Bill Gates. After all, these kids have their portfolios to worry about.

The Ariel school is an experiment in financial literacy with real-life oomph: Each incoming first-grade class gets \$20,000 that the children ultimately get to

pick stocks for and manage. The goal is to add an I — investing — to the three R's, according to John Rogers Jr., chairman and chief executive of Ariel Capital Management, the Chicago-based money management firm that established the school in 1996.

At a time when pensions are being phased out and people must rely more on their own investment smarts, Rogers thinks saving and investment should be an integral part of the curriculum at schools across the country.

"It's important to have all the reading and writing and arithmetic skill sets, but we can't think of anything else more important than to be able to be financially viable and competent as you start to build your working career," he said.

Experts say easy credit, aggressive marketing and the dizzying array of financial products and cashless spending options have led many American consumers astray, making it more essential than ever for kids to learn about money.

Iowa State University professor Tahira Hira, a member of the newly formed President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy, is among those advocating that personal finance be required teaching at every elementary school.

"People who were brought up with some lesson in saving or borrowing act differently than those who weren't," Hira said. Opening bank accounts for children, buying them stock in a fast-food company or the company that makes their favorite toy, teaching them to spend

some, save some and give some away when they receive cash as a gift — "our research shows that all those things do matter," she said.

The Ariel school's success

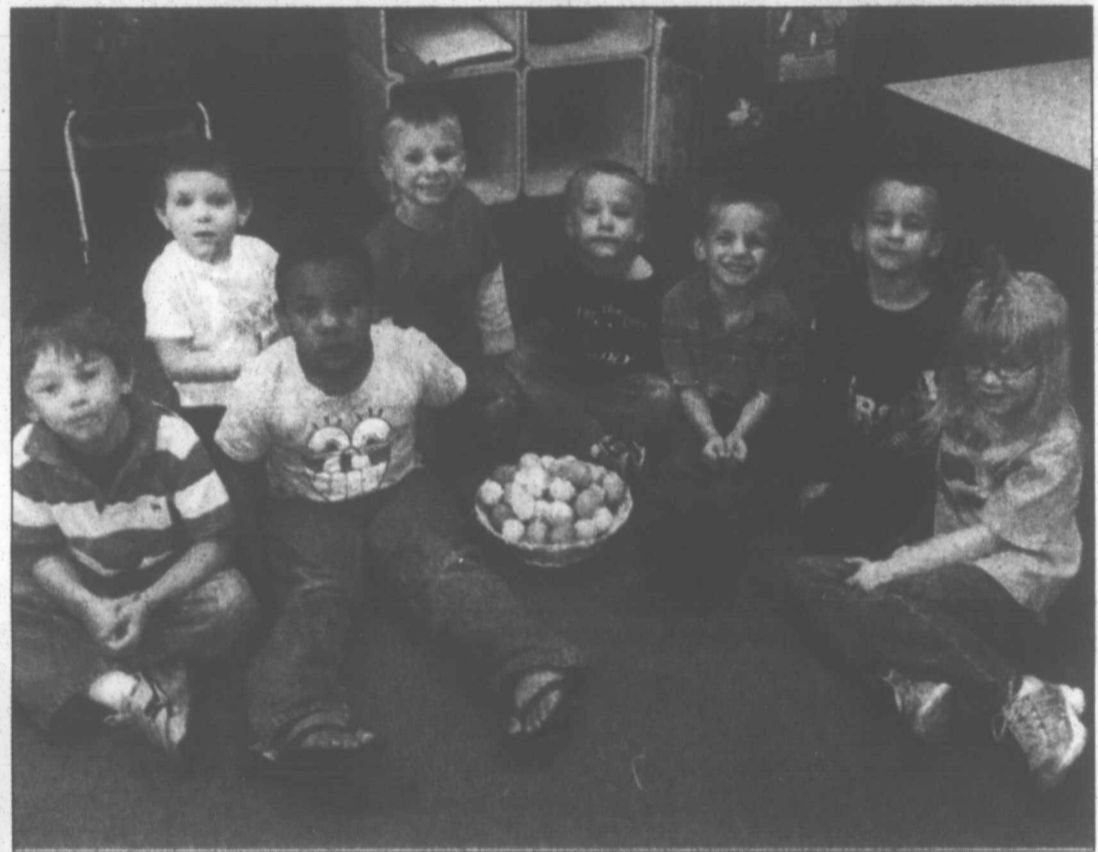
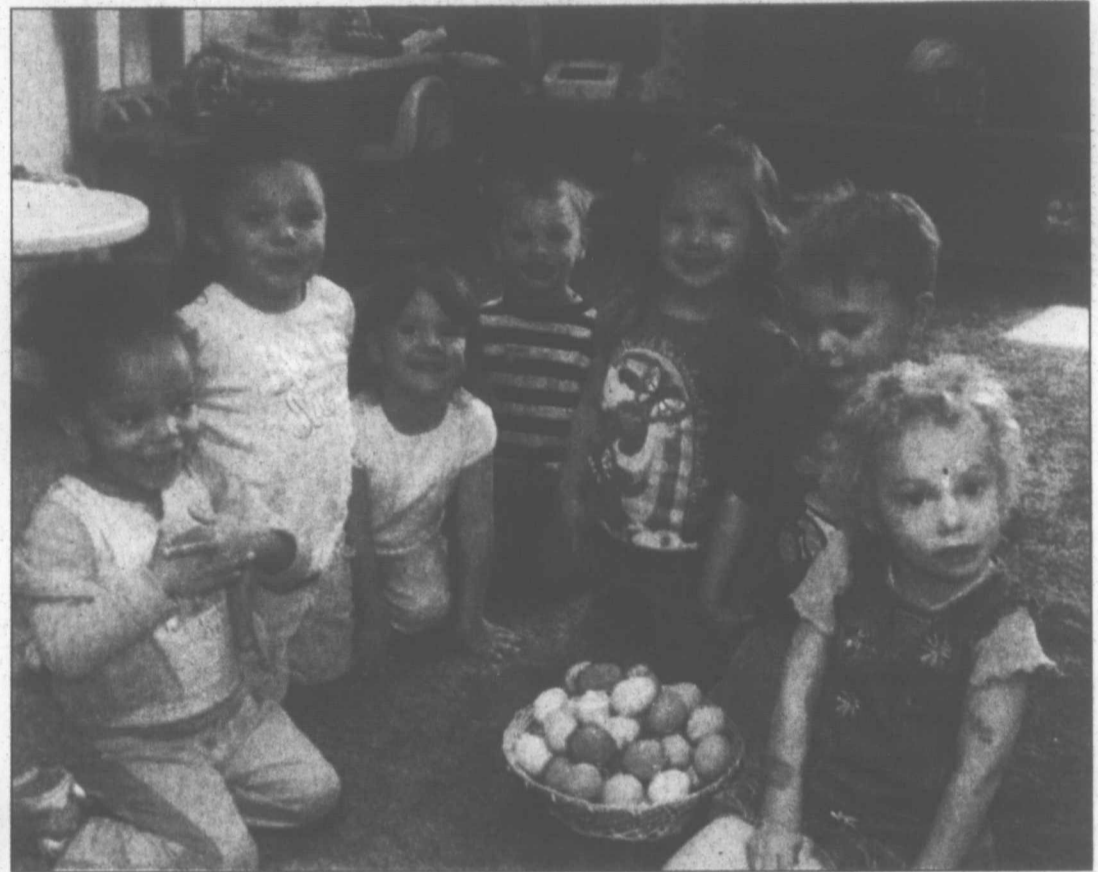
can't be fully judged until its first graduates, now juniors in high school, make their own mark. But high math test scores give it a blue chip reputation and some cachet

for its students in a mostly black, high-poverty area.

When eighth grader Victoria Bills talks about

See **INVEST**, Page 12-B

Easter egg hunt



COURTESY PHOTOS

The 3-year-old class at First Christian Church's Mother's Day Out program recently decorated Easter eggs. Above, top: Catelyn, from left, Jordan, Macey, Ethen, Lorell, Harley and Natalie. Bottom: Kaiden, Moses, Drake, Hunter, Drew, Kasey, Jaden and Adyson.

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Study: Hazing practices alive and well on national campuses

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Virtually every college bans hazing, but more than half of college students belonging to campus organizations say they have experienced it in places from the glee club to the fraternity house, according to a new study.

Academic clubs and social and cultural organizations all haze new members, students told professors Elizabeth Allan and Mary Madden from the University of Maine's College of Education and Human Development.

"It's far more widespread than many people would've assumed," Allan said.

The professors' National

The study found the highest rates of hazing (74 percent) among members of varsity athletic teams and fraternities and sororities (73 percent).

Study of Student Hazing was based on responses from 11,482 students at 53 institutions. It was released recently at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators meeting in Boston.

Among students who belonged to campus organizations, 31 percent of men and 23 percent of women reported participating in drinking games, and 17 percent of men and 9 percent of women reported drinking to the point of getting sick or passing out.

The professors, based in Orono, said previous research on hazing has focused on Greek organizations and athletic teams. Their research was based on an online survey of students who were chosen at random by college administrators. The team also interviewed more than 300 students.

No one else has undertaken such an ambitious study of hazing in higher education, said Norm Pollard, the dean of students at Alfred University and the leader of a national study of hazing among student athletes in 1999. Pollard was an adviser for the study.

The study found the highest rates of hazing (74 percent) among members of varsity athletic teams and fraternities and sororities (73 percent). But rates also were high for participants in club sports (64 percent) and performing arts organizations (56 percent).

Twenty-eight percent of participants in academic clubs and 20 percent of honor societies members reported being hazed, the study said.

A quarter of students who were hazed believed their organization's coach or adviser knew about it, and a quarter also reported being hazed in a public space on campus. Furthermore, 47 percent of respondents arrived at college having already experienced at least one hazing incident in high school.

Hazing has been banned by 44 states and virtually all colleges and universities. In fact, half of those who reported experiences that constitute being hazed said they were aware of anti-hazing policies, the study said.

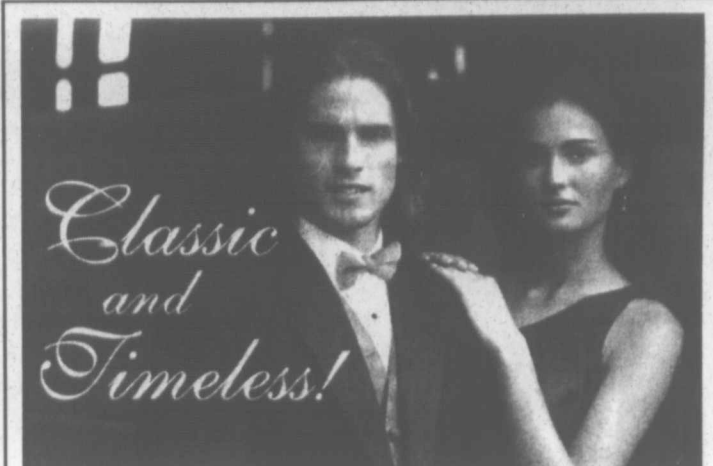
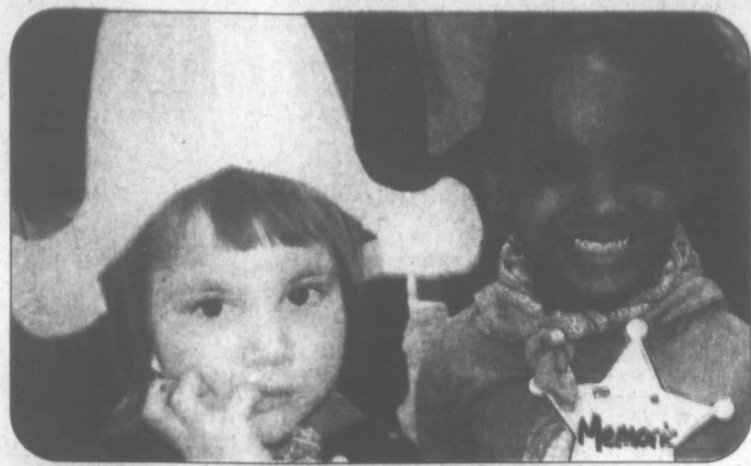
Alumni

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2006 and 2007, but not selected either year, will automatically be considered for the awards this year.

To obtain nomination forms or for information about the Phoenix Club Banquet, contact the Alumni Association at 806-651-2311 or alumni@wtamu.edu.

Lifestyle



St. Matthew's School

These students recently enjoyed the St. Matthew's Day School rodeo. From top left going clockwise are Jade Shackelford and Memorie Davis; Kade Williams; Amaree Ross; Mayce Ogle; Ethan Angel; and Jaycee Winborne and mom Jamie.

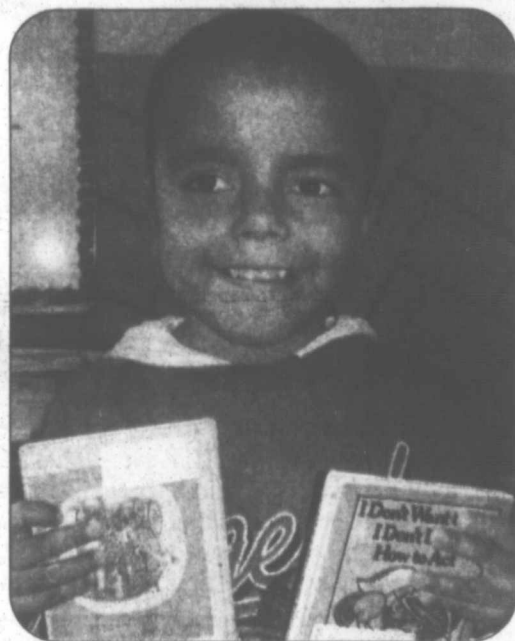
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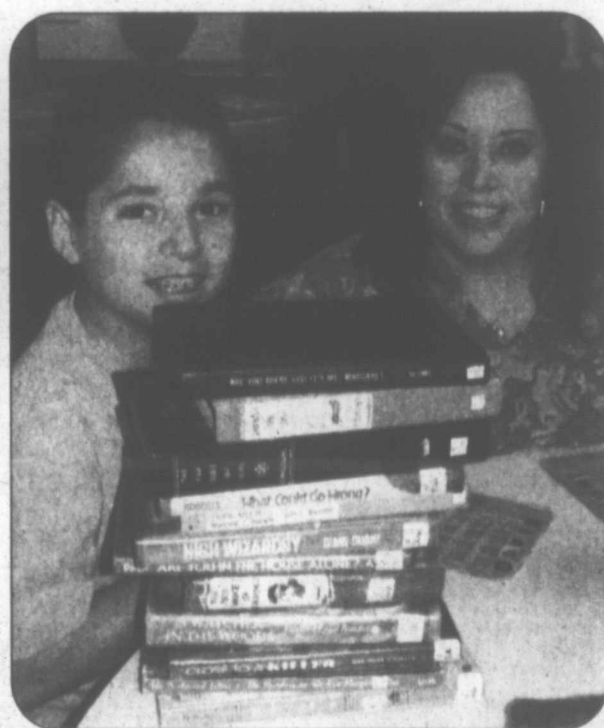
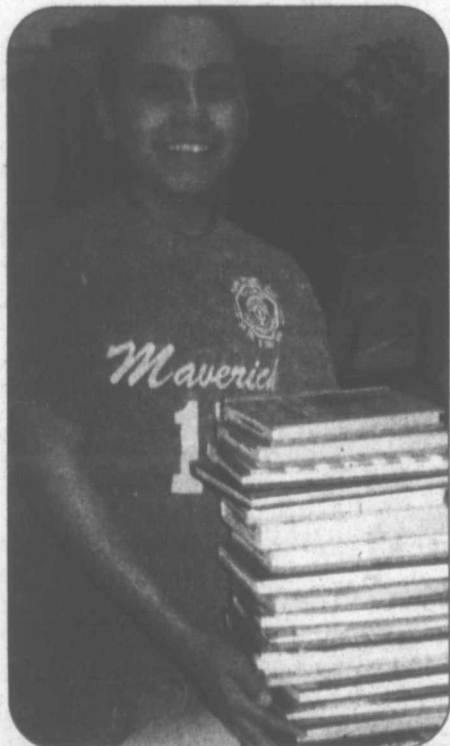
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St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

Students at St. Vincent's school recently played "Bingo for Books," thanks to book donations from Lovett Memorial Library. Pictured from top left going clockwise are Moses Pineda; Eric Cabrales; Julian Silva with mom Sesilia; and Oliver Cabrales. Most of the students were able to take home at least five to ten library books.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Tanner Dyson

Soccer



Tanner is a senior forward and has been responsible for a large percentage of the Harvesters goal production this district season. Tanner has 13 goals in district and has a great knack for getting to lose balls and finishing when it looks most difficult.

Faby Soria

Soccer



Faby is a sophomore center mid-fielder for the Lady Harvester Soccer team and is responsible for dictating the flow of the game in Pampa's way. She is one of the most skilled players on the Lady Harvester's soccer team and is also a fierce competitor. She has started for two years and is a go to player for the team.

Sports

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK RESULTS

Results for the Junior High meet in Randall on Thursday.

Seventh Grade Results
 400 Relay: Nick Johnson, Patterson Alvey, Zane Robles, Ryan Smith - sixth
 300 LH: Ryan Smith - sixth
 1600 Run: Freddie Ambriz - fifth
 1600 Relay: Ty Hutto, Jonathan Cox, Romel Lee, Patterson Alvey - sixth
 Discus: Jordan Lemons - fourth
 High Jump: Jonathan Cox - sixth

Eighth Grade Results
 400 Relay: Latigo Collins, Jessie Cruz, Luis Romero, Devin Coleman - fifth
 800 Run: Joe Garcia - second
 110 HH: Reid Miller - second

800 Relay: Latigo Collins, Reid Miller, Devin Coleman, Luis Romero - sixth
 300 LH: Reid Miller - third
 200 Dash: Jessie Cruz - second
 Discus: Luis Romero - fourth
 Triple Jump: Joe Vizcaino - fourth
 Long Jump: Jessie Cruz - first

Basketball All-District players

by KATHERINE FLANARY Sports Editor

Three Harvesters made the honor of being named All District Players. Sophomore Alex Clendening made Second Team All-District, while both Junior Matt Smith and Junior Alex Torres made Honorable Mention. According to Coach Dustin Miller, each coach nominates his players. Other

coaches in the district vote on the players who have been nominated.

"There are seven first team. These are the ones with the most votes."

— Coach Dustin Miller

"There are seven first team," Miller said. "These

are the ones with the most votes."

In other words, seven players made it on to the first team.

The same thing applies to the second team.

"[There are] seven second teams players," Miller continued. "[These are] the next most votes."

It goes on to until it hits the Honorable Mentions.

Augustin, James lead No. 6 Texas past Oklahoma St.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — D.J. Augustin wiped out Oklahoma State's half-time lead with a single shot. A few minutes later the quick and crafty point guard had obliterated all of the Cowboys' hard-earned momentum and put No. 6 Texas on the road to a 66-59 victory Friday in the Big 12 tournament.

Damion James had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Augustin powered a 14-0 run starting the second half for the top-seeded Longhorns (27-5), who also sprang an uncharacteristic zone defense that seemed to confuse the Cowboys.

"We had to slow the whole team down," said Augustin, who led the conference in assists for the second straight year and was second in scoring. "We needed to get stops on defense and not let them get easy baskets. They have

a lot of great players. I think we did a great job helping each other and playing pretty good defense."

Ibrahima Thomas had 19 points for Oklahoma State, which trailed by as many as seven points in the first half before taking a 33-32 half-time lead on Terrel Harris' 3-pointer at the buzzer.

But the Cowboys (17-15) faltered as Augustin took over after intermission. After hitting a 3-pointer on Texas' first possession, he coaxed a third foul against Oklahoma State point guard Byron Eaton and sank both free throws. Then a few seconds later he seized a Cowboys pass that was deflected to him by a teammate and dished to A.J. Abrams for a layup.

With the Cowboys having trouble against the 2-3 zone, Abrams scored again a moment later and then

Augustin boosted the lead to 44-33 with his fifth 3-pointer.

The Cowboys went almost 8 minutes at the start of the second half without a field goal. Nevertheless, the zone does not come easy for a team that's known for its man-to-man defense, agreed coach Rick Barnes.

"It's hard for us right now because we've been a pretty good man team," Barnes said. "We just felt like we were getting what we needed out of it."

After regaining the lead and momentum, the Longhorns went back to their man defense.

"At the 7-minute mark, I thought we had gotten into a walk-it-up game with them and we don't want to do that," Barnes said.

It was the Longhorns' fifth straight victory over Oklahoma State.

Demonstrators in Tibet burn cars and shops in protests

BEIJING (AP) — Protests led by Buddhist monks against Chinese rule in Tibet turned violent Friday, with shops and vehicles torched and gunshots echoing through the streets of the ancient capital, Lhasa. A radio report said two people had been killed.

The biggest demonstrations in nearly two decades against Beijing's 57-year control of the Himalayan territory come at a critically sensitive time for China as it attempts to portray a unified and prosperous nation ahead of the Olympic Games in August.

China blamed the disturbances on a plot by followers of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled Buddhist leader whom the communist regime has accused of trying to sabotage the Beijing Olympics.

Witnesses reported hearing gunfire and seeing vehi-

cles in flames in the Barkor shopping district in the center of Lhasa. Crowds hurled rocks at security forces and at restaurant and hotel windows, apparently targeting Chinese-owned businesses.

The U.S. and the European Union called on China to show restraint in dealing with the protests, and Washington said Beijing should respect Tibetan culture. The Dalai Lama appealed to China not to use force against demonstrators.

Chinese leaders must "address the long-simmering resentment of the Tibetan people through dialogue with the Tibetan people," the Dalai Lama said in a statement issued from his home in exile in India. "I also urge my fellow Tibetans not to resort to violence."

Pro-Tibet protests also erupted into violence in India and Nepal. In Katmandu,

Nepalese police scuffled with about 1,000 protesters, including dozens of Buddhist monks. About 12 monks were injured. Indian police clashed with chanting protesters marching on the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi and arrested at least two dozen people.

In Lhasa, shops were set on fire along two main streets surrounding the Jokhang temple, Ramoche monastery and the city's main Chomtsikang market, and heavy smoke rose from the area.

"It was chaos everywhere. I could see fires, smoke, cars and motorcycles burning," said a Tibetan guide who spoke on condition his name not be used, fearing retaliation by authorities. He said the whole road in the Barkor shopping area around the Jokhang temple "seemed to be on fire."

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Lindsey Vonn joins Bode Miller as overall champs

BORMIO, Italy (AP) — Lindsey Vonn raised her arms and hugged teammate Stacey Cook after completing the first American sweep of the overall World Cup titles in 25 years.

Bode Miller did his part a day earlier by winning his second overall crown. He and Vonn are the first Americans to win the overall in the same year since Phil Mahre and Tamara McKinney in 1983.

"It's just a big day for America," Vonn said Friday.

Ted Ligety added to the moment by winning the season's final giant slalom. He is the first American to capture the discipline title since Miller in 2004.

Vonn had the fastest run in the second leg of the slalom to finish 11th. She eliminated Maria Riesch, the only skier in contention for the overall, before the German had a chance to ski her second leg.

"It was special for me to wrap up the overall in slalom because I started as a slalom skier in Buck Hill, Minnesota," said Vonn, who also won the downhill title this season.

Marlies Schild of Austria won the race to take the season's slalom crown.

Vonn defeated Nicole Hosp of Austria by 208 points for the overall title.

"I just gave it everything I had, took a lot of risks, and it paid off," she said. "It's like winning an Olympic gold medal. I remember reading the legends of skiing as a kid and now I'm one of them. I can't believe it."

McKinney praised the U.S. skiers and suggested that more challenges await.

"Just winning the overall is not an end-all," she said during a conference call.

"There's always someone who's a little better at something. As soon as you admire the turn behind you there's one in front of you that will catch you off guard."

Miller's father, Woody, said his son was less distract-

ed this season.

"A lot of his success has to do with his training before the season started," the elder Miller said Friday. "He used to think he could stay up late at night and not have any negative effect, and as you get older that becomes more of a factor. He's definitely more disciplined and focused and having a better time, too."

Ligety moved from seventh to first in a blazing second run to beat Benjamin Raich of Austria, his nearest challenger for the giant slalom title.

Ligety completed the two runs in 2 minutes, 18.04 seconds to beat Raich by 0.31 seconds.

"Second run, I knew I had to hammer it down and I took a lot of risks," Ligety said. "I was pretty lucky to come through."

Ligety, the 23-year-old Olympic combined champion, finished with 485 points in the giant slalom, 47 ahead of Raich. He said winning the giant slalom title was tougher than winning

"It was special for me to wrap up the overall in slalom because I started as a slalom skier in Buck Hill, Minnesota."

— Lindsey Vonn Skier

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HOUSTON TEXANS

Texans sign free agent linebacker

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans have signed free agent linebacker Chaun Thompson, a Texas native who has played for Cleveland since 2003.

"I feel real good coming back to my home state. This is a great opportunity, a great organization, and I can't wait to get started," Thompson told Houston television station KRIV.

The former Mount Pleasant high school and West Texas A&M star agreed on a two-year contract worth \$2.4 million, including a \$650,000 signing bonus, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

Thompson was a second round pick by the Browns in 2003. He started in 2004 and 2005 but played a reserve role the last two years.

Cradle call



Holmes/Bruner

Bonnie Beth Holmes and Derek Lee Bruner plan to wed Saturday, May 10 at Parish Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tenn. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jay and Becky Holmes of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School with the Class of 2003 and holds a degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. She is employed at First Baptist Church in Nashville. The future groom is the son of Steve and Sally Bruner of Newnan, Ga. He graduated from Etowah High School in Woodstock, Ga., and attended Reinhardt College in Atlanta, Ga. He currently owns Derek Bruner Management, a company that specializes in artist management and radio promotion for Christian music.



Grayson Slade Martindale

Grayson Slade Martindale was born at 12:32 p.m. Feb. 6 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo to Bryan and Katy Martindale of Perryton. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 11-ounces and was 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. Grayson is the grandson of Clifford and Mollie Martindale of Pampa and Vickie Thompson and Charles Graham.



Sofia Ann Chavarria

Sofia Ann Chavarria was born at 8:11 a.m. Dec. 28, 2007, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo to John and Julie Chavarria of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 13-ounces and was 20-inches long. Sofia is the granddaughter of Pat and Carmela Montoya of Pampa.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

club year are Barb Hahn, president; Kerrick Horton, vice president; Tiffany Qualls, corresponding secretary; Sandra McKinney, recording secretary; Terry Gamblin, treasurer; Jennifer Brumley, Annette Chase, both one-year directors; Eileen Kludt and Kelley Porter, both two-year directors.

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Menus

Week of March 17-21

Pampa Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY

No school.

Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY

Closed.

Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY

Closed.

THURSDAY

Closed.

Kid's Cafe-Briarwood FRIDAY

Closed.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or corned beef & cabbage, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, chocolate pistaccio bundt cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, sour cream potatoes, cheese hominy, Spanish rice, beans, carrot cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef

brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, corn, beans, black forest cake or butter-scotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, buttered squash, beans, turtle brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Closed.

Meals On Wheels MONDAY

Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, pears.

TUESDAY

Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, dessert.

WEDNESDAY

Pizza, macaroni salad, green beans, peaches.

THURSDAY

Oven-fried chicken, corn, baked potatoes, pudding.

FRIDAY

Closed.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club of Pampa met March 11 at the home of hostess Dorothy Stowers with President Vonna Wolf presiding. Wolf assisted Stowers.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The club collect and pledge were led by Mary McDaniel.

—Club Secretary Myrna Orr took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

—Correspondence and committee reports were heard.

—McDaniel delivered the program.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. March 25 at Orr's residence. Wolf will present the program.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met March 11 at First United Methodist Church with President Terri Williams presiding. Laura Martin and Rochelle Lacy served as greeters.

Officers for the 2008-09

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The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The Accent was delivered by Mary McDaniel on parliamentary procedure and Altrusa etiquette.

—Judy Warner introduced Ben Watson. Watson reported on a Shriners fund-raising project to benefit crippled children. The local club took up a collection for donation to Watson.

—Warner was elected to serve as an alternate delegate to District Conference April 19 to replace Annette Chase.

—An ASTRA movie party will be 6:30 p.m. March 27 at the home of Kludt, 2742 Cherokee. Members were encouraged to attend.

—Bi-City meeting with Borger will be at March 17 at the Lone Star Restaurant in Borger. Members will meet at 6:05 p.m. at First United Methodist's parking lot to car pool. The meeting will serve as a make-up meeting.

—New member orientation is slated April 22 at the Altrusa program meeting.

—Members heard from Pat Johnson on the upcoming

Bridal Selection

Bonnie Holmes & Derek Bruner
Abby Cavalier & Jansen Hancock
Liana Ammerman & Jeremy Goode
Cassie Gibson & Jacob Willis
Tiffany McCullough & Casey Shock
Lindsey Price & Eric Wade
Katie Foust & Matt Foust
Tara Coffee & Luke Thornton
Amy Robbins & Ian May

On Eagle's Wings

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Bridal Registry...

Brittany Adams & Barret Lowenstein
Victoria Rodriguez & Phillip Bridges
Kert West & Jill Miller

Baby Registry...

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Andrea Morris
Shelly Brooks

New Arrivals from
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Newsmakers

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airmen Stephanie M. James and Colby N. Stevens recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airmen studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in

human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

James, a 2007 graduate of River Road High School in Amarillo, is the daughter of Kim Haney of Amarillo and Mike James of Pampa.

Stevens, a 2007 graduate of Pampa High School, is the son of Albert and Lisa Stevens of Pampa.

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Army Pvt. James C. Adams recently graduated from Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning in Columbus. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, Adams received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history,

core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics.

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James

Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday

before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News

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Research shows vitamin A may suppress Type 1 diabetes

Pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes and many other holiday favorites are rich in vitamin A, a nutrient essential for good health. Now a study by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) nutrition scientists has shown, for the first time, that high levels of vitamin A can suppress development of type 1 diabetes in laboratory mice prone to that disease.

Type 1 diabetes, which affects more than 750,000 Americans, occurs when the immune system mistakenly attacks and destroys the pancreas' insulin-producing beta cells. Scientists already know that vitamin A and antioxidants — such as those in the freeze-dried grape powder also tested in the study — can regulate the immune system.

However, apparently no one had shown the suppressive effect of either vitamin A or grape powder on type 1 diabetes in either lab mice or humans, according to ARS physiologist Charles B. Stephens.

He collaborated with molecular biologist Susan J. Zunino for the investigation, conducted in their laboratories at the ARS Western

Human Nutrition Research Center in Davis, Calif. They reported their findings earlier this year in the Journal of

Differences in levels of a protein called tumor necrosis factor-alpha, or TNF-alpha, linked in other studies to type 1 diabetes, were notable. TNF-alpha production by immune cells of mice fed the vitamin A- or grape-powder-enriched feed was significantly lower than that in cells of mice fed standard feed.

Nutrition. Blood sugar levels of the 45 mice in the experiment were taken regularly to

determine onset of diabetes. At about seven months, only 25 percent of those mice eating a high-vitamin-A feed, and 33 percent of those eating grape-powder-enriched feed, had developed type 1 diabetes, while 71 percent of those on non-enriched feed had become diabetic.

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The study is part of ongoing research at the nutrition center to discover more about the potential of vitamin A and other nutrients to help prevent diabetes, cancer, asthma and other diseases of the immune system.

ARS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency, and the National Institutes of Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funded the research.

Checkoff program promotes recipes

AUSTIN — The Texas Checkoff is encouraging consumers to take their taste buds on a getaway and discover the power of protein in the land of lean beef! Incorporating the newly launched national advertising campaign, the Texas Beef Council (TBC) is kicking off an online promotion to explore the state with Texas weekend destination giveaways.

Beginning in March, consumers will not only be enticed by the land of lean beef, but also urged to visit the newly redesigned TBC Web site, www.txbeef.org, to register for a chance to win the Destination: The Land of Lean Beef Texas travel prize package. Through radio and Web site

advertising as well as promotions at events, TBC will build on the destination theme showcasing some of Texas' most colorful towns and cities.

"This is a great way to tie in the new advertising campaign and utilize those concepts that have already been developed on a national level," said Jennifer Matison, TBC senior manager, consumer marketing. "It is also the perfect opportunity for TBC to drive consumers to our Web site where they not only get great beef recipes, but can also learn about beef nutrition, cooking methods and so much more."

The innovative advertising campaign, "Beefscapes," is a page-

stopping tool that showcases the combination of protein and strength, giving consumers the permission to act on the passion they have for beef. As a part of the new advertising campaign, "Discover the Power of Protein in the Land of Lean Beef," has been added to the famous tagline "Beef. It's What's For Dinner."

TBC is capitalizing on the new campaign by giving away Texas travel destination packages valued at over \$15,000 throughout the rest of the year. In working to leverage checkoff dollars, all destination giveaways were donated to TBC and include stays in Fort Davis, Rockport, Sonora, Kerrville and many more wonderful Texas destinations.

Club

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days this month.

The next meeting will be 12 p.m. March 25 at Pampa Country Club.

Preceptor Theta Iota

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa met March 10 at First Christian Church with President and hostess Carolyn Smith presiding. Nine members were present.

The following business was conducted

and announcements made:

—Nancy Broggin, recording secretary, took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read. She read correspondence as well.

—Smith delivered the treasurer's report.

—Committee reports were heard.

—Janice Hubbard, social chair, announced a St. Patrick's Day social to be held at 6:30 p.m. March 17 at First Christian.

—Betty Schaffer and Ann Franklin gave the program.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. March 24 at First Christian.

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tics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and

neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

Adams is the son of Paul Adams of Pampa and Lauren Defries of Canyon.

The private is a 2007 graduate of Pampa High School.

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office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

sary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

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Main table containing TV schedules for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons/evenings. Columns include channel, time slot, and program details. Includes sub-headers for 'THURSDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING', 'FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING', and 'SATURDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING'.

MEETINGS & PSAs

EDUCATION, OTHER
NFFF SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit www.firehero.org and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.
NIA GUIDES. National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.
PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a total of 100 shelters in Texas and represents 1,600 shelters nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed,

gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.
PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.
PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.
SCHOOL-TO-CAREER. Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship-training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce

Commission or call (512) 470-0918.
SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.
STUTTERING FOUNDATION. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org on the World Wide Web.
TCA WEB SITE. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at

www.artsonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.
TG WEB SITE. Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at http://www.adventuresineducation.org or http://www.aie.org on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

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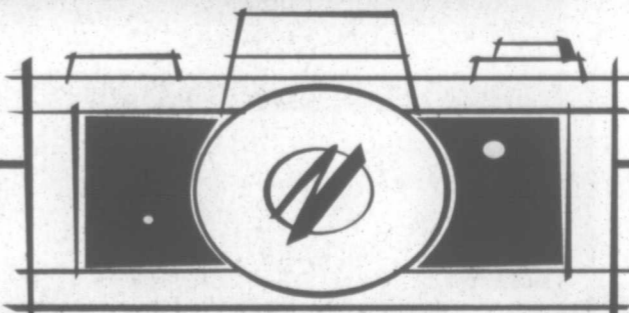
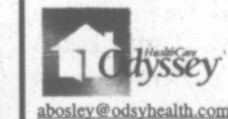
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Concert association gearing up for next two shows

By **BOBBYE COMBS**
Special to the News

Two more concerts are scheduled locally by the Pampa Community Concert Association — PCCA Presents “Live on Stage” — for the 2007-08 concert season.

Coming up at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, will be “Saxophobia” and Tuesday, May 6 will be “Tribute to the Beatles.” Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and be staged at Pampa’s M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Saxophobia

Created by and starring Rob Verdi of the Side Street Strutters, Saxophobia will bring to the stage Verdi’s rare collection of some of the most unusual, authentic saxophones ever manufactured. Back in the early 1920s,

Vaudeville shows were the hot ticket, and the saxophone was king. More than 100,000 saxophones were being sold each year, and instrument manufacturers such as Conn, Buescher and Selmer were conjuring up some extraordinary variations on Adolphe Sax’s 1847 invention.

Saxophobia will bring to the stage a who’s who of sax gone wild! Set in a jazz format, Saxophobia offers a rare glimpse at some of the most unusual saxophones ever made and pays tribute to the great jazz legends who popularized the instrument.

Who could forget Boots Randolph honking out “Yakety Sax,” the wispy tones of Plas Johnson slinking along with the “Pink Panther Theme,” the fiery innovative bebop stylings of



COURTESY PHOTO
Rob Verdi with his collection of saxophones.

Charlie Parker, or the lush, breathy tone of Stan Getz and his sensuous version of “The Girl from Ipanema?”

See an 11-inch curved soprano, a 6 1/2-foot tall contrabass, slide saxes, Connosax, straight alto and the players who gave the sax its many voices.

Tribute to the Beatles

Sporting slick, collarless suits, Beatle boots and mop-tops, the four-man group of renowned Beatles impersonators, called “Revolution,” is the leading world-wide “Beatlemania” touring show, utilizing authentic instruments, costumes and unmistakable sounds that can only be described as incredible!

Attendance to any PCCA concert is by membership only; however, tickets for individual performances may be purchased at the door

for \$25.

The concert association relies heavily on its “Patron Plan” for its funding. Patron Plan donations are tax-deductible, but do not include current memberships.

The Patron Plan consists of the following sponsorship options: Guardian Angel, \$5,000-plus; Special Angel, \$1,000-plus; Angel, \$500-plus; Benefactor, \$250-plus; Sponsor, \$100-plus; Patron, \$50-plus; Associate, \$25-plus; and Friend, \$15-plus.

Checks should be payable to Pampa Community Concert Association, P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, TX 79066-1935. For questions, call Ruth Riehart, PCCA president, at 665-3362.

Invest

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investments with her friends, for example, “They’re like, ‘Oh Victoria, that’s like so cool!’” she said. “They’re like, ‘I want to go to that school.’”

That’s music to the ears of the 49-year-old Rogers, who has long put a special emphasis on trying to encourage other African-Americans to save and invest more.

A South Side native, Rogers first got enthused about investing at age 12 when his father began buying him different stocks every birthday and Christmas.

After graduating from Princeton, where he was captain of the basketball team, he started Ariel when he was 24 with his own savings and investments begged from friends and family. Today, it has more than \$13 billion under management in three mutual funds and separate accounts for 89 institutional clients. Rogers is also a close adviser to Sen.

Barack Obama, who lives just five blocks down the street from the school in the Kenwood neighborhood.

Inspired by a symposium he attended on financial literacy in the mid-1990s, Rogers had Ariel team with fellow Chicago investment firm John Nuveen & Co. to fund the innovative school program.

The concept is simple: Ariel’s experts manage a \$20,000 portfolio for each class until sixth grade, briefing them regularly along the way, and then begin turning over the decisions to the children. Upon graduation from eighth grade, each class returns the initial investment amount to the school for another first-grade class and donates, invests or pockets the profits.

After giving half the gains to community charity programs or school initiatives, each student can then take the rest in cash or invest it in a Section 529 college savings plan, in which case they are given an additional \$1,000. Last year, 80 percent of graduates invested their \$150 shares in a 529.

The financial focus

extends well beyond the portfolio at a school where hallways are named after Wall Street and other marketplaces, and students announce the latest business news twice daily over the PA system.

Financial concepts are woven into the curriculum, with first graders learning about core economic principles, for example, while eighth graders put together their own business plans. All 440 students are offered free tutoring from Ariel’s professionals on Saturdays, and the older kids have the chance to hear analyst presentations and attend meetings at McDonald’s Corp., where Rogers sits on the board of directors.

“There’s nothing dry about such schooling to these kids, according to Connie Moran, the school’s director of financial education.

“When I say we’re going to talk about money today, they don’t go ‘Eeeeeeww’ like some kids might,” said Moran, a former bond analyst. “It’s like saying we’re going to recess — that’s never a problem.”

Moran said her students

soak up financial information like sponges. Besides, she noted, “We don’t wait until our students are 16 to teach them how to read. Why wait until they’re 16 to teach them how to manage a bank account?”

Twice a week or so, junior boards of directors elected by the seventh and eighth grades gather around a table under a giant mural depicting a bull and bear to discuss their class holdings.

With the whack of a gavel one recent day, they were off and running. The lively discussion touched on everything from the merits of the maker of Ugg boots to their tendency to load up on tech stocks to whether they should profit from companies that make weapons used in the war in Iraq.

Student Jordan Lillybridge likes sitting in

the boardroom.

“It gives me an opportunity to express my opinion on which stock we should pick — especially me and Sony, because I am a big fan of Sony,” said Lillybridge, who is 12. “Also Panera Bread.”

Bills, too, revels in the whole experience, keeping tabs on financial news and monitoring her class’ stocks at home.

“When I go to this school I actually feel special, because I’m learning things that most kids probably wouldn’t even learn,” she said, adding that she hopes to make enough in the market to help her mom.

Rogers, whose company spends nearly \$1 million a year on the school, would love to see it churn out future portfolio managers, accountants and investment bankers. But for now he finds it

“absolutely thrilling” just to sit in on the children’s discussions about stocks.

Nurturing their education and watching them grow up and have fun with the stock market, he said, is “one of the greatest feelings in the world.”

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Eligible entities are sought to administer the funds including state agencies, units of local government, Native American tribes and nonprofit organizations. The program may also provide assistance

through eligible entities to rental property owners to repair and rehabilitate their units if the owners agree to make the units available to very low- and low-income families.

Individual homeowners and rental property owners are not eligible entities for these competitively awarded grants. The grant program assists residential projects located in eligible communities with a maximum population of 20,000.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 21. Submissions will be accepted by mail or online. The mailing address is USDA Rural Development, Federal

Bldg., Suite 102, 101 S. Main, Temple, TX 76501. The correct Internet address is www.grants.gov. The online deadline is 4 p.m. CST April 21.

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