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'Unearthly' worker

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Looking a little alien in his protective gear, Dylan Duke welds on the beams high overhead as construction crews build the new Social Security Office near 23rd Avenue and Hobart.

Knife-wielding teen arrested

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

One juvenile was arrested Thursday afternoon after he allegedly displayed a knife in the course of a domestic disturbance at a Pampa home.

Pampa police were dispatched to a home in the 1100 block of Seneca at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday concerning a domestic dispute. There, they arrested a 16-year-old male on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and turned him over to Gray County Juvenile Probation Office, according to PPD Assistant Chief Logan Stout.

"He was upset and causing a disturbance," Stout said. "He was just mad at everybody and everything. People were trying to calm him down, and he was using a knife to try to get people away from him."

Three persons were in the home at the time police arrived, Stout said. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

New brush truck, seal coating project on city agenda

The Pampa City Commission will consider revising the city's budget when they meet Tuesday to expand the annual seal coating project and to buy a brush truck for the fire department.

The commission is expected to use excess sales tax revenues for the two projects.

At their April 1, meeting, the commission approved spending an additional \$300,000 on this summer's seal coating project. The ordinance they will address Tuesday amends the city's budget to provide the money.

Earlier this year, the commission also approved up to \$100,000 for a new brush truck for the Pampa Fire Department. The actual price came in at \$75,750.

The commissioners will also consider a resolution supporting expedited development of competitive renewable energy zones in West Texas, including infrastructure to export wind power.

The resolution is at the request of State Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas. One of the loops in the infrastructure would connect Pampa to ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which covers 75 percent of the state and is unregulated and energy prices are higher than the panhandle.

In other business, the commission will also consider a resolution to support the city's request for a new brush truck for the fire department. The actual price came in at \$75,750.

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'Cambodian Cowboy' to visit Pampa on July 4

By **DAVID BOWSER**
The Pampa News

The story starts in Cambodia and ends on the Fourth of July at the Canadian rodeo.

Sichan Siv, a former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and husband of Martha Pattillo, a Pampa native, is the author of a new book, "Golden Bones," the story of his journey from the killing fields of Cambodia to the White House and the halls of the United Nations and his relation to the Texas Panhandle.

It was in 1970, when Prince Sihanouk was deposed in Cambodia and Lon Nol took power that the North Vietnamese Army broke out of their sanctuaries in eastern Cambodia and attacked Cambodian forces. While a 1973 agreement in Paris ended the Vietnam War, the Khmer Rouge began their battle to take over Cambodia.

By 1975, the Khmer Rouge had taken over the country and nearly two million people had died of exhaustion, starvation and summary execution.

Siv escaped Phnom Penh with his family in 1975, but he is the only survivor. His mother, brother, sister and their families were clubbed to death by the Khmer Rouge.

Siv made it to Thailand only to be held as an illegal alien. Eventually, he made his way to the U.S., arriving in Connecticut in June, 1976.

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Pampa News photo by David Bower
Sichan Siv having lunch at The Cattle Exchange in Canadian, 2003.

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Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 82. West wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Windy, with a west-southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 82. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Services MONDAY
McKNIGHT, Loyd — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa.

Loyd W. McKnight, 74

Loyd W. McKnight, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died April 14, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2008, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McKnight was born March 15, 1934, in Antlers, Okla. He had been a resident of the Pampa area since 1950. He graduated from Lefors

High School in 1954.

Loyd married Shirley Teeters on January 15, 1955, in Clovis, N.M. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as an MP during the Korean Conflict.

Loyd worked for Panhandle Industrial for over 25 years, retiring in 1996, and then co-owned and operated his own business until 1999. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM and was a Baptist.



McKnight

He loved the outdoors, spending time on the ranch, tending cattle and especially handling horses. Above all, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather, spending time with his grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley McKnight, of the home; two daughters, Cheryl Wisdom and husband Gary of Pampa, and Michelle McKnight of New Braunfels; one brother, Mayo McKnight

and wife Mary of Cushing, Okla.; one sister, Mozelle Crutcher and husband Pascal of Owasso, Okla.; 12 grandchildren including Codi Fowler, Cory Fowler and Shelby Wisdom, all of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Loyd was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Derrill McKnight.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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

Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests before 8 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, April 18

Timothy Knoop, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for four capias pro fines.

Tomas Avila Hernandez, 35, of Cedar City, Utah, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety and charged with money laundering, greater than \$200,000.

Patrice Oteava Ballard, 20, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with theft of property, over \$50 and under \$500.

Arnold Michael Sotelo, 35, of Portales, N.M., was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with theft of property by check.

Kenneth George Hipp, 52, of McLean was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession/transportation

of anhydrous ammonia to use/tamper with equipment.

Saturday, April 19

Jennifer Dawn Winborne, 22, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with theft of property by check.

Simeon Xavier Dunn, 38, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession of a controlled substance, displaying expired registration and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Steven Ray Oneal, 20, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence-minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Friday, April 18

12:20 p.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 200 block of West Foster on a hazardous material cleanup.

4:39 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Hobart and Francis on an investigation.

7:39 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire in the 900 block of South Nelson.

Ambulance

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

Friday, April 18

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

4:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Francis and Hobart. No transport.

Obama, Clinton woo coal vote in upcoming primaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are walking a delicate line as they promise to aggressively tackle global warming while trying to assure voters that they continue to believe in the future of coal.

In states like Pennsylvania, where voters will cast ballots this Tuesday, and in West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Montana — upcoming primary states — coal sways voters.

While increased mechanization has produced a dramatic decline in coal industry employment, the numbers remain substantial. There are 47,000 coal workers in Pennsylvania and West

Virginia and 21,000 in Kentucky, according to the National Mining Association. The three states are the country's biggest coal producers after Wyoming.

Both Obama and Clinton have rallied environmentalists with their promises to develop windmills, solar power and other renewable energy sources and order mandatory reductions in greenhouse gases from power plants to counter global warming.

It's an energy policy that would seem to target coal, which produces half the country's electricity but also nearly 2 billion tons of carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas, each year.

Instead, "clean coal" has become the mantra of both candidates. Some environmentalists are not too happy with that.

"They keep using the term 'clean coal.' That's really an oxymoron," snaps Brent Blackwelder, president of the environmental group Friends of the Earth. "They absolutely are pandering the coal industry's propaganda that clean coal is the hope of the future. There's no such animal as clean coal."

Not all environmentalists are as critical, acknowledging that coal will remain an integral part of the country's energy picture. The two Democratic presidential aspirants' support for coal is out-

weighed by their strong push for renewable fuels and — unlike President Bush — their call for mandatory, economy-wide action on climate change.

"How they finesse things on the margin is up to them," said Cathy Duvall, the Sierra Club's national political director, as long as they also "talk about moving away from conventional coal ... and putting money into and investing in a renewable energy economy that will provide jobs."

Obama, by representing Illinois, a top 10 coal producing state, has a little more experience at it than Clinton. Fifteen months ago, he joined Republican coal-state Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky in calling for loan guarantees and tax breaks for coal-to-liquid processing plants.

Environmentalists protested and he modified his proposal to include a requirement that such plants have carbon-capture technology and produce 20 percent less greenhouse gases than conventional diesel fuel refineries.

In reality, there is little difference in the broad energy agendas of Obama and Clinton.

Both have endorsed Senate legislation that would cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 70 percent by mid-century through mandatory pollution limits on power plants, transportation and industry. Both have called for a \$150 billion, 10-year clean-energy research and development program.

But neither has embraced the call by Al Gore and many Democrats in Congress for a moratorium on new coal burning power plants until carbon capture can be commercially developed.

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TOWN HALL Meeting, April 22nd for Levy of a Junior College District Branch Campus Maintenance Tax, 7pm at the Clarendon College, Pampa Center.



Pampa News photo by David Bowser
Sichan Siv horseback on the Brainard Ranch in 2003.

Cowboy

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He had two dollars in his pocket.

The name of his book comes from his return to his father's village in Cambodia in 1992.

"Cambodians call someone who is very blessed or lucky a 'person with golden bones,'" Siv said.

The villagers knew he had survived the Khmer Rouge massacre, had gone to America and was working in the White House for the President of the United States.

"They called me the 'man with golden bones,'" Siv said.

The book is due to be released in early July.

Siv is expected to be in

Pampa and Canadian for the Fourth of July celebrations.

"For us, the most exotic thing in the world would be to go to Paris or to the pyramids or to Cambodia and Angkor Wat," Siv's wife said.

For her husband, she said the most exotic experience of a lifetime is to come to the Texas Panhandle and ride on a real ranch.

"He just thinks the panhandle is THE place," she said.

When Siv was growing up in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, he used to watch John Wayne films in French at the movie theaters.

"Here, the heavens and earth hug each other," Siv said on a visit to the Brainard Ranch in 2003.



Agenda

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mission will also consider authorizing Mayor Lonny Robbins to enter into a consulting agreement with former City Manager John Horst.

The city commission will also hear reports from Sandy

Burns of Animal Control and Fred Courtney the city's emergency coordinator.

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Sichan Siv gathering cattle on the Brainard Ranch in 2003.

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Pampa Jr. High
April 21 • "Model Madness" Parent Involvement Activity • 6:00 PM Library
April 23&24 • Band UIL at Canyon
April 24 • Concert and Sight Reading
April 25 • Academic Pep Rally "Sports Theme" • 2:35 PM
April 26 • Choir Dumas Festival
April 26 • Special Olympics Golf Scramble Hidden Hills

Lamar Elementary
April 22& 24 • Kid's Café • 5:30-6:30 PM
April 25 • Mother's Day Breakfast • 7:00-7:45 AM

Travis Elementary
April 24 • 5th Grade Science Trip to Botanical Gardens

Wilson
April 21 • Morning Assembly
April 22& 24 • Kids Café • 5:30-6:30 PM
April 23 • Power Hour • 2-3
April 25 • Bingo for Books • 2:00-3:00 Cafeteria

April 24-School Board Meeting 6:00pm Carver

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net. From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

Viewpoints

What if Al Gore had won presidency in 2000?

What if in the election of 2000 Al Gore had become president instead of George W. Bush?

Two terms of Commander in Chief Gore is a scary thought. But these days it's getting harder to deny that America and parts of the world would be better off if President Gore had been in charge the last 7.25 years.

It would have been a long national torture. But under President Al Gore there would have been no war in Iraq because he never would have had the crazy neocons pushing him to use 9/11 as an excuse to invade, occupy and democratize Saddam Hussein's savage land.

No Iraq war means no 4,000 dead American soldiers. No 40,000 wounded. No uncountable hundreds of thousands of dead Iraqi civilians. And no \$3 trillion tab for what apparently has become the country's second most costly war after World War II.

That staggering price tag — about 60 times the Bush administration's initial prewar estimates — was determined by Harvard professor Linda Bilmes and Nobel Prize-winning

economist Joseph Stiglitz in their new book, "The Three Trillion Dollar War." It's roughly equal to the federal government's 2008 budget, or about 20 percent of our annual GDP.

The figure includes things like the interest on the \$12 billion a month the Bush government has been borrowing for Iraq and the \$500,000 indemnity paid to the family of each killed soldier. It also includes long-term costs like refurbishing the depleted military and paying for 40 or 50 years of health care for permanently maimed war vets.

The \$3 trillion doesn't include the hard-to-measure but not insignificant Middle East "war premium" hidden in the price of a \$100-plus barrel of oil — which cost \$25 in 2003 before the invasion of Iraq made the Middle East more chaotic and deadly than usual.

But forget the American taxpayers' \$3 trillion bill for Iraq.

Could seven years of a President Gore have surpassed the long-term damage done to the economy by President Bush's federal spending spree, his tripling of the national debt since 2000, his eroding of the value of the U.S. dollar?

Meanwhile, if Al Gore had become president in 2001, he would have immediately stepped into gridlock. He would have had to battle a unified and semi-principled Republican Party in Congress for every stupid, paleo-liberal social and economic thing he wanted — just like Bill Clinton had to during the 1990s.

America's first Green president also would have had to confront the cost-benefit realities of greenhouse-gas-cutting schemes like the 1997 Kyoto Protocol — and quickly discover that no Congress would approve anything so economically harmful and environmentally useless.

Another blessing we'd have enjoyed if Al

Gore had been elected president is purely psychological. As president, he never would have had time to put together his sci-fi docu-comedy, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Therefore, he never would have won an Oscar or half a Nobel Peace Prize. Global warming wouldn't be a religious issue. And Al would still be known as a pontificating career politician, not a pontificating savior of the planet.

Not everything would have been perfect under President Gore, of course. When 9/11 occurred, he too probably would have gone to Afghanistan to topple the Taliban and destroy al-Qaida's training camps.

We'd no doubt be just as bogged down there as we are today. But under President Gore our soldiers wouldn't be chasing al-Qaida — they'd be trying to force Afghan tribesmen to reduce their carbon hoofprints by using solar panels instead of firewood to heat their tents and trading in their horses for mountain bikes.

—Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



Idle American: Aunt Maude in dream land

The greeting card people missed quite a photo of a few nights ago down in the thicket. The sun was surrendering to twilight. The darkening sky was aflame in orange on the horizon, and in the thicket, azaleas ruled. At their peak in blossoms and fragrance, they provided a colorful backdrop for Uncle Mort and Aunt Maude. The old couple was whiling away the final wisp of daylight in their porch swing with talk exceedingly small.

Swaying slowly, they took in the wonder of spring flowers and sweet smells of the season. Reflective on 70 years of marriage, they chatted, their voices soft against a backdrop of frogs croaking in chorus and armies of chirping crickets. Fireflies, as if in recess for leisurely games of tag in flight, lazily drifted in and out among Aunt Maude's prize-winning daffodils. The blossoms have hung around longer than usual this year, but they never outlive their welcome.

"In your wildest dreams, did you ever expect to wind up with a husband like me?" Mort asked.

"You've never been in any of my wildest dreams," she answered....

Maude often describes her hubby as being "misdirected." (This is preferable to saying he doesn't have a clue.)

A while back, she sent him into town with a grocery list. He found all the items, save one. He couldn't find EVOO, and, in the grocery store as on the highway, could hardly bring himself to ask for directions.

The store manager scratched his head; he wasn't

even sure they stock EVOO. Then, it dawned on him what

M a u d e needed for the recipe — extra virgin olive oil. Neither one has spent much time in front of the TV watching the food channel....

Oh, that woman has always had a mind of her own, and it's usually set in concrete.

Years ago, she hired babysitters to care for their youngsters so she could go to the day care center to voluntarily babysit children whose mothers hired out in the neighborhood to babysit. Finally, she realized that it was a losing deal.

And in the early going, cooking wasn't her thing. "Once she had a 24-hour virus, and the next day received a get-well card from McDonald's," Mort recalls....

She's always been a top-notch opportunist, first in line when such positioning counts.

In recent years, she has been first in line at the courthouse on the day of the couple's wedding anniversary.

"Never hurts to check," Maude maintains, "to see if our marriage license has expired."....

The couple finds all ingredients for happiness in the thicket. Maude has her garden and flowers, has taken to healthy cooking in recent years and loves to quilt and crochet.

"And any day I can get Mort out of the house,

whether he's fishing, puttering around out back or running around the thicket in his golf cart is a good day," she laughs.

Often, of course, Mort goes far afield on the cart, sometimes even to the airport....

These days, Mort is deeply interested in safety issues pitting the airlines and the FAA. Barking by officials on both sides of the

issue has reached high decibels. Mort is listening carefully and taking notes, wondering who knew what and when they knew it.

Oh, he doesn't fly, but Oscar, his neighbor one farm over, does. Oscar plays a tuba in a Shrine band that parades about all over the country.

Mort often volunteers for "pick-up and delivery" to the airport. What a pair they make, Mort in the driver's seat blowing on his duck call, and Oscar on the back seat "oompahing" tuba accompaniment....

Mort thinks the issue of airline safety is due more scrutiny.

"When Oscar was due back the other day, I called the airline to get arrival information," Mort said. "The lady asked me which arrival information I wanted: the time or the odds."

Upon arrival, Oscar was wide-eyed. "Before I boarded, I downed two double/double mochas," he laughed. "I wanted to be so wired that I wouldn't worry about the plane's wiring."

After the landing, they waited a full 30 minutes for the tuba to appear on the luggage carousel. It never did.

While they were completing the missing baggage claim, it was found on the plane. "It had fallen into a crack in the fuselage," Mort said. "And just think — a few weeks ago, airline honchos thought paying fuel bills was their biggest challenge...."

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

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The Dallas Morning News on cleaning up Dallas' strip clubs:
Dallas made headlines around the world this month when authorities caught a sixth-grader dancing at a strip club but couldn't shut it down because of a legal loophole. A draft ordinance to close the loophole and ban minors from sexually oriented businesses could become law by next week.

That's a good start, but the City Council needs to take far stronger enforcement measures to make strip clubs clean up their act.

These clubs try to gussy themselves up as "artistic" venues. Their corporate owners seek legitimacy by offering stock on Wall Street. They are prepared to spend millions in court chal-

lenges to reverse laws that infringe nude dancers' constitutional right to free expression. To avoid costly legal battles, the new Dallas ordinance must be airtight.

Let's be frank. Strip clubs have nothing to do with art and everything to do with sex. It's an extremely adult environment where liberal doses of alcohol help loosen inhibitions, conjure money out of wallets and simulate instant sexual intimacy.

Since all these establishments revolve around the presence of alcohol, including "bring your own bottle" clubs, Dallas should establish 21 as the minimum age for patrons and dancers. That's the Las Vegas standard, and Dallas should settle for nothing less. Various jurisdictions require dancers to be licensed, which is an even better idea.

Why be so stringent?
Candace Cain, whose Dallas organi-

zation works with strippers trying to escape this business, says 14 of her current cases involve women who were under age 17 when they started exposing their breasts or genitalia on stage.

Humiliation and shame are constant. And that prompts many dancers to drink and use drugs. Substance addiction often leads to prostitution. Patrons fuel that trend by sneaking drinks to underage dancers. Industry insiders say this happens regularly because policing is so lax.

That's how a 12-year-old was able to dance nude here, undetected for nearly two weeks.

That's how Dallas won its new international image as a haven for sleaze.

If we want a better image, this city's cleanup is going to take a lot more than merely patching over a loophole in the law. URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com>

FAA sets up high-level alerts for missed airline inspections

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is going to begin alerting its top headquarters officials when field inspectors miss airline safety inspections, Transportation Secretary Mary Peters announced Friday.

Peters also demanded that the FAA and American Airlines explain to her within 14 days why 250,000 U.S. air travelers endured canceled flights last week. American grounded its MD-80 jetliners and canceled 3,100 flights in order to inspect or redo wiring that was supposed to have been completed between Sept. 5, 2006, and March 5, 2008.

"No one at all was well served by what happened last week," Peters told a news conference outside FAA headquarters.

She said she didn't think federal regulators had overreacted in the wake of revelations about the FAA's lax supervision of Southwest Airlines. Last month, it was revealed that the FAA allowed Southwest to fly dozens of Boeing 737s without inspecting them as required for fuselage cracks and that Southwest's system for complying with FAA safety directives had not been inspected by the FAA since 1999.

But Peters wanted to know "why so many aircraft had to be grounded and so many travelers had to be inconvenienced" in order to "help us avoid similar disruptions" as the FAA completes an audit of all major airlines' compliance with safety directives. The audit was ordered after the Southwest debacle came

to light and helped uncover the MD-80 wiring problems. Flanked by acting FAA administrator Bobby Sturgell, Peters announced a series of steps to improve safety in a system she insisted was already the safest in history.

—FAA is setting up a national safety inspection review team to examine airlines for problems mostly likely to occur and in a comprehensive way.

—FAA will begin requiring senior field office officials to sign off on voluntary safety disclosures by airlines. These voluntary disclosures must show the immediate problem has been fixed and steps have been taken to ensure it won't recur. In return, the airlines will avoid penalties for the safety problems.

—The FAA general counsel and Transportation officials will begin meeting with airlines to be sure they have plans for accommodating passengers if there are future mass aircraft groundings.

—Peters named five outside aviation and safety experts to recommend improvements for the whole system within 120 days.

"This plan appears to address some of the main problems that created the current safety crisis," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "But the question remains: Will the FAA devote the resources and manpower to get it done right?"

Many of the steps had been recommended by Transportation Department Inspector General Calvin L. Scovel III, particularly the

new system to alert top headquarters officials when safety inspections fall behind schedule. Scovel concluded in a highly critical report that the FAA had "developed an overly collaborative relationship" with Southwest.

The lack of headquarters supervision of inspections was evident when Sturgell was unable to give a number when asked how many inspections were currently overdue, but he said the new alert system would remedy that.

Sturgell also denied that the audit of all carriers represented a new, tougher approach by his agency. "This is not a crackdown; it's not getting tough," Sturgell said, but rather an attempt to verify the system is working effectively. He reinforced that by noting that during the audit the FAA had given nine different airlines approval for 14 different alternate methods of complying with FAA safety orders, including on the wiring problem.

Peters did not address Scovel's recommendations that FAA come to better grips with massive retirements and resignations among its air traffic controllers and safety inspectors. Scovel noted that controllers-in-training now comprise 25 percent of the controller work force, compared with 15 percent in 2004, and that half of its safety inspectors are eligible to retire in the next five years.

"The real problem is there aren't enough FAA inspectors to keep tabs on the burgeoning number of outsourced maintenance facilities," said Teamster Union

President Jim Hoffa, "especially overseas where foreign repair stations don't have to meet the same standards as U.S. facilities do." He called Peters' plan "window dressing."

The FAA had already announced it would adopt one Scovel recommendation: lengthening the "cooling off period" before former FAA inspectors can work for an airline they used to oversee or interact with the agency.

Peters emphasized that since the late 1990s the death rate in commercial aviation has dropped from 45 for every 100 million people flown to a record low five-to-eight deaths per 100 million flown. But she said, "A good system can always be made better," and asked her panel of outside experts to help do that.

The panel includes J. Randolph Babbitt, former president of the Air Line Pilots Association; William O. McCabe, former Director of Aviation DuPont and member of the National Business Aviation Association safety committee; Malcolm K. Sparrow, a professor of public management at Harvard; Edward W. Stimpson, U.S. representative under President Clinton on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization; and Carl W. Vogt, former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We fully support the formation of the commission," said John Meenan, executive vice president of the Air Transport Association, which represents the major airlines.

Wildebbeests infect Texas cows with fatal virus

DALLAS (AP) — Agricultural officials say about 130 cows grazing on a Texas ranch became infected with a deadly virus that's carried only by wildebeests and is not harmful to humans.

The wildebeests, native to Africa, were on an undisclosed private Texas ranch that holds various wild animals.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said Friday that the wildebeests' fate is not known, but the cattle they infected with malignant catarrhal fever will be killed and their owners compensated.

They stressed that the virus is not a contagious disease in cattle and poses no threat to humans. It can't be transmitted between people and humans.

U.S. oil and gas rig count up

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States rose by 12 this week to 1,827.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,461 were exploring for natural gas and 355 for oil, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. Eleven were listed as miscellaneous.

A year ago, the rig count stood at 1,769. Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Wyoming lost four rigs, Alaska lost three and Colorado lost one. New Mexico gained six rigs, Texas and Oklahoma each gained four, California added three and Louisiana added two.

Baker Hughes has tracked rig counts since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 in 1981, during the height of the oil boom. The industry posted several record lows in 1999, bottoming out at 488.

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CDC: Mounting illness reports linked to supplement

ATLANTA (AP) — Health officials are investigating more than 180 reports of illness in people who took dietary supplements containing toxic levels of the mineral selenium.

Last month, federal officials warned consumers about harmful doses of selenium — a mineral considered healthful in small amounts — in plastic bottles of liquid Total Body Formula and Total Body Mega Formula.

The manufacturer recalled the product March 27, but reports of 184 illnesses indicate many people are still taking it, health officials said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found up to 200 times the label level of selenium in the products. The agency also found 17 times the label level of chromium but has not yet concluded if those levels are toxic.

Toxic levels of the minerals were in about 1,200 bottles distributed in 16 states and over

the Internet, said Dr. James Lando, who is leading the team working on the investigation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Health officials are looking into an escalating number of illnesses in 10 states — Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina.

No deaths have been reported. One person has been hospitalized.

Reported symptoms include hair loss, discolored and painful fingernails, muscle cramps, joint pain, diarrhea and fatigue. Victims have grown ill five to 10 days after beginning to take affected products. Death is possible but unlikely, health officials said.

The products are distributed by Total Body Essential Nutrition Inc. of Woodstock, Ga. The company did not return a message Friday from The Associated Press.

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HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #11 Mathers Ranch, 990' from North & East line, Sec. 172,41,H&TC, PD 15000'. Recompletion

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #22 Hobart '49', 1300' from North & 1470' from West line, Sec. 49,A-2,H&GN, PD 14000' (BHL: 950' from North & 1320' from West Sec. line) Directional well

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C., #309 J.W. Campbell, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 9,1,I&GN, PD 13000'

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Oil Well Completions

ROBERTS (QUINDUNO LeCompton) Pantera Energy Co., #4 Stone 'A', Sec. 17,2,I&GN, spud 2-6-08, drlg. compl 3-14-08, tested 3-26-08, pumped 65 bbl. of oil + 1 bbl. water on 24 hour test, GOR 1800, TD 11699', PBTD 6263' - Recompletion

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1059A L.A. Johnson, Sec. 59,M-1,H&GN, spud 1-3-08, drlg. compl 1-18-08, tested 2-13-08, potential 5008 MCF, TD 13500', PBTD 13381' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #2 Shreeves '24', Sec. 24,41,H&TC, spud 2-4-08, drlg. compl 2-11-08, tested 3-16-08, TD 8386', PBTD 8186' —

HEMPHILL (N.E. RAMP Granite Wash) Cordillera Texas, L.P., #11 Shell Fee '45', Sec. 45,41,H&TC, spud 10-4-07, drlg. compl 11-12-07, tested 3-20-08, potential 697 MCF, TD 12831', PBTD 12750' —

WHEELER (DYCO Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #8 Hefley, Sec. 34,M-1,H&GN, spud 11-12-07, drlg. compl 12-3-07, tested 1-24-08, TD 13831', PBTD 13729' —

TDA sponsoring quilt contest

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) announces its 2008 quilt block competition, open to everyone across the state. This year's theme, "Toast a Rising Star," highlights Texas' thriving and popular wine industry.

As the nation's fifth-largest wine producing state with more than 220 family-owned vineyards

covering 3,700 acres, the Texas wine industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state's economy.

This year, TDA is honored and delighted to have Janet Staples, wife of Commissioner Todd Staples, assisting the agency with the competition.

"This competition provides a great opportunity to

work with fabulous, quality Texas materials while incorporating our great Texas creativity and spirit," said Mrs. Staples, an experienced quilter. "I'm very proud to be part of the process and am looking forward to the competition."

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers — cotton, mohair and leather — to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2008 State Fair of Texas in September. The quilt will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

As the country's leading producer of wool and mohair, Texas has earned a global reputation for superior quality and durability among international textile buyers. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede.

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Texas DECA

PHS chapter participates in state conference in Corpus Christi

Nine marketing education students from Pampa High School recently participated in the 62nd Annual Career Development Conference for DECA's Texas Association. The conference was held at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi.

In addition to business meetings, career workshops and educational tours, students participated in curriculum-related competitive events which allowed them to compare their knowledge and skills about various concepts in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from over 500 high schools across the state. Approximately 2,500 DECA members and their advisors took part in the conference.

Students recognized as state finalists at the Grand Awards Assembly, earned the right to compete at the

International DECA Career Development Conference April 25-30 in Atlanta, Ga., with part of their expenses, paid by the Texas Association of DECA.

Celeste Gonzales and Gabrielle Savoie were named state finalists. Gonzales competed in the Fashion Merchandise Promotion Plan. She took a 100 question test over fashion marketing and general marketing concepts and created a promotion plan for a shoe department.

Savoie competed in Hotel/Lodging. She took a 100 question test over hotel/lodging concepts and participated in two judged role plays.

According to local chapter advisor, Donna Crow, the following local students participated in the conference: Melissa Burkhalter (State Action Team Committee); Andy Dunn (marketing math event); Trevor Collins (food marketing event); Jacob Maciel (automotive services event); Krista Silva (business services marketing event); Christa Holt (hotel/lodging event); and Jad McGuire (accounting).

As outgoing District 8 president, Burkhalter will attend the International Conference to complete her term in office.



▲ The local PHS DECA Chapter recently participated in competition at state conference. Above: Melissa Burkhalter, Andy Dunn, Trevor Collins, Jacob Maciel, Krista Silva, Christa Holt, and Jad McGuire with advisor Donna Crow



▲ Celeste Gonzales and Gabrielle Savoie were named state finalists recently at a state DECA conference and competition.

Quilt

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Association. This year's final quilt will once again be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton and will be quilted by Johanna Iaia of Denton.

To help defray the cost of the material packets, postage and the statewide travel and display of the quilt, a \$12 donation for each participant packet is requested.

The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest theme.

To participate in the 2008 quilt block competition, call (877) 99GO-TEX or download a participant form by visiting our Tips and More page at www.gotexan.org. The deadline for submissions is June 5.



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Working conditions, pay fuel teacher discontent in state

PLANO — Even with teacher salaries in Texas increasing an average of \$4,891 over the past two years — only in small part thanks to what the Legislature did in special session two years ago — 44 percent of teachers are seriously thinking about leaving their classrooms, the results of a new study by Sam Houston State University show. That is a minimal drop from 46 percent two years ago.

Texas teachers still earn well below the national average, but twice as many teachers (42 percent) say they are seriously dissatisfied with working conditions as say they are thinking about leaving teaching because of pay (21 percent). Issues related to the misuse of high-stakes standardized testing are integral to this high level of teacher dissatisfaction. Only 4 percent of the teachers in this study believe that a single standardized test score should determine student promotion.

The biennial "Texas Teachers, Moonlighting, and Morale" report by Daphne D. Johnson, Marilyn P. Rice, Samuel S. Sullivan, David L. Henderson and Abigail Beard of Sam Houston State University has been conducted every two years since 1980.

"This year's report is especially disturbing because it shows an increasing need for teachers as an aging teacher corps moves closer toward retirement. At

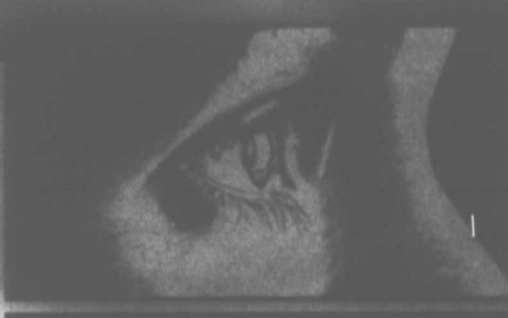
the same time, 50,000 Texas classrooms are staffed by inappropriately certified teachers," said Texas State Teachers Association President Donna New Haschke. The 65,000-member organization sponsors the biennial survey.

Despite pay gains over the past two years, salaries remain a significant issue for Texas teachers. Only about 5 percent of all U.S. workers have to hold second jobs to make ends meet. In sharp contrast, 28 percent of Texas teachers have to moonlight. They work an average of 11.5 hours a week at their second jobs, even though 71 percent believe it is having a negative impact on their teaching. Moonlighting teachers make an average of \$8,288 per year, up from only \$4,952 two years ago. Even though 88 percent of those who moonlight would like to quit, each would need a minimum annual raise of \$8,970 to do so.

As the prices for food, fuel and other basics continue to rise rapidly, the extra income teachers earn from moonlighting becomes even more important. The restrictions the Texas Legislature in 2006 imposed on the amount of new money school districts can raise and the Legislature's own unwillingness to commit new funding to public education further erode the economic well-being of the teachers.

According to the report,


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AgriLife researcher looking at wildfire impact on South Texas

By **PAUL SCHATTEBERG**
Extension News

UVALDE — Dr. Jim Gallagher, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist, has seen the effects of many fires in his career.

"I've seen the aftermath of dozens of wildfires of all sizes during both my academic and professional career," said Gallagher, who is stationed at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "And for about 20 years I've studied the effects wildfires have on wildlife."

Gallagher said the most recent wildfires he has investigated to determine their effect on wildlife were the ones from March 14-20, which burned more than 100,000 acres in South Texas. Individual fires burned from 2,500 acres to 70,000 acres, scorching both private and state-owned property in Dimmit, La Salle, Brooks, Hidalgo and Jim Hogg counties.

Fires such as those which have occurred in the past months in South Texas and other parts of the state have the potential to severely impact wildlife, he said, but currently there is little scientific documentation of their effects.

"While some dead animals are found in the aftermath of a fire, many more are seen wandering the landscape in search of food and shelter," Gallagher said. "And with smaller-scale fires, mobile species populations like those of birds and white-tailed deer don't normally suffer too greatly due to their ability to move quickly to escape fires and travel to new locations to find food and water."

Even under harsh burning conditions, less mobile species like small mammals, Texas horned lizards and snakes, fare reasonably well during a fire itself, he added. But while some wildlife is killed during wildfires, more serious losses can come days and even weeks later.

"Even though the majority of animals may escape a fire, many will suddenly find themselves in the middle of thousands of acres of burned-over country side, with a lot less shelter and food than before," he said. "Those living near the edges of the burned areas can usually travel to find what they need, as can those living in or near unburned patches. But unburned areas tend to be few and far between. Competition for resources in the unburned pockets can be intense, and those resources won't last very long."

By example, Gallagher noted, only about 750 acres or about 5 percent of the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area, a 15,000-acre state-owned site in Dimmit and La Salle counties, was unaffected by one of the recent fires. Prior to coming to Uvalde, Gallagher spent 10 years with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department studying the effects of wildfires on wildlife at the Chaparral site.

"I'm carrying over that research and building from it now," he said. "Among other areas, these most recent wildfires have affected the Chaparral WMA in South Texas, and this has provided additional information we can use to help determine how wildfires may affect wildlife throughout South Texas and other parts of the state."

According to Gallagher's research, even rapidly moving wildfires seldom result in large wildlife losses through their immediate death. And ironically, many properties with a smaller amount of forage before a fire, as a result of grazing or other practices, may have more forage after the fire because less of it is burned initially.

Gallagher also noted that normal fire-breaks and roads did not do much to stop the recent fires, but areas with less fine fuel,

such as grass, were less likely to burn.

"The majority of wildlife exposed to wildfire will see a drastic reduction in their amount of cover and a drastic increase in their exposure to starvation and predation," he said. "Many animals forced to move to more suitable areas will often have to do so at unusual times and in unusual locations. As a result, many of them find themselves coming in contact with humans and, more specifically, their vehicles."

According to Gallagher, wildlife's need for shelter is often under-appreciated. Not only does shelter provide a place to avoid predators, it is also essential to help wildlife conserve energy and water. "Without adequate shelter, wildlife is exposed to the elements, requiring them to use up more energy to stay cool or warm," he said.

Gallagher said it may take several months before an area has adequately recovered to once again support wildlife, and unless growing conditions are adequate, most burned areas will provide marginal wildlife habitat at best.

"With good growing conditions, the smaller burns will provide good foraging areas for wildlife later this year," Gallagher said. "But even with good growing conditions, the largest burns are going to be a big challenge for wildlife. Without adequate food and shelter, survival and reproduction will be reduced. And for ranchers dependent on income from livestock and wildlife, this could be a tough situation."

Gallagher also cautioned landowners about supplemental feeding of wildlife during the forage recovery period.

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Meredith NRA planning 'Jr. Ranger Day'

FRITCH — Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a park ranger? Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will celebrate National Junior Ranger Day with a host of activities for children throughout the area from 12-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at Spring Canyon below Sanford Dam at the lake.

The event is free. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the National Park System

and the day-to-day duties of a park ranger. Children will watch flint-knapping demonstrations; learn about archaeology, fire-fighting and law enforcement; and see animal skulls and pelts. Participants who answer questions about what they've learned will receive a National Junior Ranger patch.

"The first National Junior Ranger Day in 2007 was a huge hit with park staff and volunteers, serving 25,000 children in 123 parks," said

Christopher Jarvi, Park Service associate director of partnerships and visitor experience. "We are looking forward to creating even more memories this year."

This year will be the first year Lake Meredith has participated in the event, but park staff plan to make the celebration an annual occurrence. No advance reservations are required.

For more information, contact the park at (806) 857-3151.



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the average Texas teacher is a 44-year-old female with a bachelor's degree. She makes \$47,545 and is married with a working spouse. But 56 percent of teachers are the primary breadwinner in their families. On top of her family expenses, she spend \$719 per year out of her own pocket for school supplies.

Today's teacher puts in an average of 13.4 hours a week doing additional schoolwork at home. That is the most time spend working at home since the survey began, but 68 percent still don't feel like they have time to prepare. The top problems she faces are discipline (55 percent) and paperwork (37 percent). Given the stress, the hours, the lack of support and the inadequate salary, it is no surprise that the teacher shortage is get-

ting worse and that experienced teachers are getting out of the profession.

"As the 81st Texas Legislature next year contemplates further reforming school funding and debates making changes in the way we operate our schools, lawmakers need to address issues that are causing our teacher shortage. Legislators also must avoid taking any actions, such as yet more inequitable and unproven merit pay schemes or elimination of current rights and benefits, that would make the situation worse," Haschke said.

"Changes in Texas public education that don't focus on creating and retaining a quality teaching force are doomed to fail our students," the TSTA president emphasized.

The full "Texas Teachers, Moonlighting, and Morale" report is available online in the TSTA pressroom at www.tsta.org/Pressroom/current/index.shtml.

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Parkinson's more than just the shakes

By KAY LEDBETTER
Extension News

AMARILLO — Parkinson's disease affects nerve cells in the part of the brain controlling muscle movement. While that is the most visible sign of the disease, it is not the only one, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

"The earliest symptom of Parkinson's disease may be an arm that does not swing when you walk, a mild tremor in the fingers of one hand, soft, mumbling speech and/or difficulty swallowing," said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology health specialist.

"You may lack energy, feel depressed, have trouble sleeping, (have) slowed motion, rigid muscles, loss of automatic movements and/or dementia." As many as half the people with Parkinson's develop depression, sometimes occurring

months or even years before the disease is diagnosed, Crocker said. While physical limitations resulting from the disease can be frustrating and stressful, depression is not usually a reaction to physical disability, but more likely a result of underlying brain changes.

Parkinson's disease is progressive, meaning the signs and symptoms become worse over time; however, the disease often progresses gradually and most people have many years of productive living after a diagnosis,

Crocker said.

Parkinson's disease occurs when certain nerve cells in a particular area of the brain are damaged or destroyed, he said. Normally, these nerve cells release dopamine which causes the muscles to make smooth, controlled movements. Everyone loses some dopamine-producing nerve cells as they grow older; but people with Parkinson's disease may lose half or more of these cells.

Age is one of the main See **SHAKES**, Page 10

'Eagle Lady'

◀ Doris Mager and her live birds of prey will appear at Caprock Canyons State Park on Saturday, May 3. Mager is known as the "Eagle Lady." She has been rescuing and rehabilitating wounded eagles, hawks, owls and other raptors since 1963 and strives to educate people about North American birds of prey. While a member of the Florida Audubon Society, Mager helped start the Birds of Prey Center and served as director of Raptor Research and Education at the Florida Conservation Foundation. She also established the not-for-profit organization, S.O.A.R (Save Our American Raptors), in 1983.

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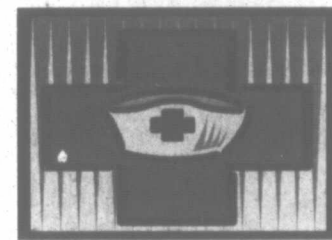
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Area recycling day in offing

AMARILLO — Keep Amarillo Beautiful will hold its Annual Recycling Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Amarillo Recycling Drop-Off Center at 27th and Hayes. Panhandle residents will be able to drop-off many items for recycling and donation including "e-waste."

A new addition to the recycle list is the ability to donate used electronics. From computers and game systems to cell phones and VCRs, Goodwill Industries will be on hand to accept electronic waste.

If you have ever used

your personal computer to access your bank account, order online or pay bills, you could leave yourself vulnerable to identity theft if you simply send your hard drive to the local landfill. Donors of e-waste will receive a certificate that their hard drive has been "scrubbed" or cleaned by the same program used by NASA. Goodwill will also provide a donation receipt towards next year's taxes.

Goodwill will accept any electronic device (except non-working televisions), regardless of condition, and

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"Supplemental feeding efforts can be a two-edged sword as feeding programs benefit only a small number of species," he said. "The additional deer and raccoons that survive will only make life tougher for other species later. They will put pressure on plants trying to recover, as well as on smaller species that make up the prey base for other wildlife."

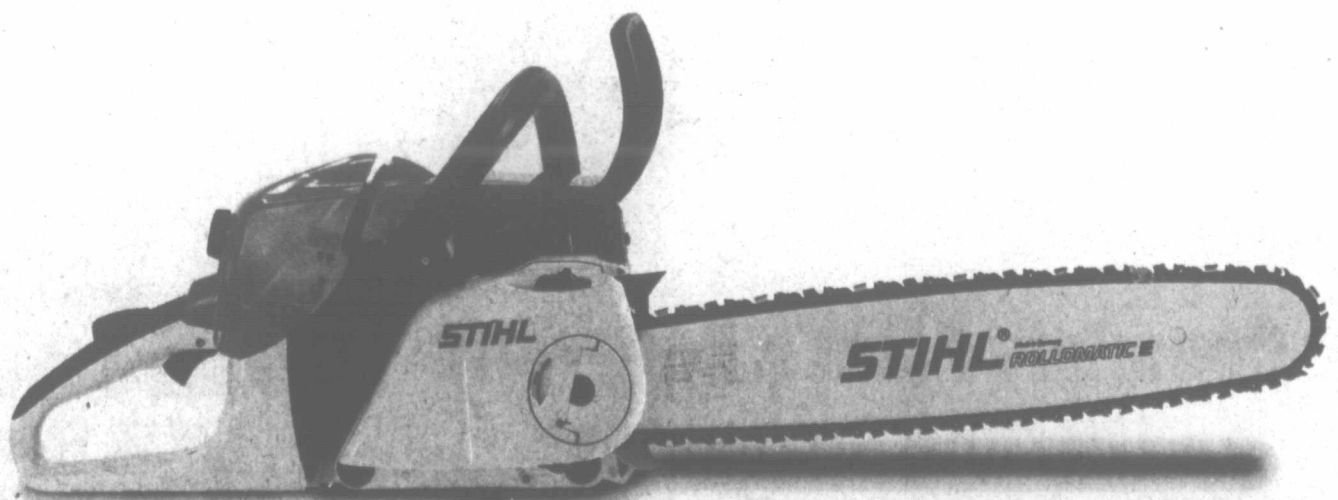
Even though the shorter-term results of wildfire on wildlife are negative, Gallagher said, sometimes the long-term effects may be positive.

"This is especially true when what was once an unsuitable habitat for a species like quail is opened up by a fire and, as a result, it becomes more suitable for them," he said.

Ultimately, the recent "hard times" experienced by wildlife in South Texas and other areas of the state are a direct result of the "good times" of last year, Gallagher said.

"Without the good growing conditions early last year there would not have been enough grass to fuel the types of wildfires we have been seeing this year," he said. "Plants and animals will recover, but there is little we can do to dictate the pace of this recovery."

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Medical research

Study: Gender, other factors guide preemies' survival

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Doctors now have a better way of helping parents make an agonizing decision — whether to take heroic steps to save a very premature baby.

The number of weeks in the womb has generally been the chief factor. But a new study shows others are important, too — including whether the infant is a girl and whether the child gets lung-maturing steroids shortly before birth.

Those extra factors can count as much as an extra week of pregnancy.

The new information could change how doctors and parents decide what kind of care to provide to tiny, fragile premature infants, said John Langer, a co-author of the study being published this week in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Besides being a girl and getting the steroids, an extra 3 1/2 ounces or so of weight and being a single birth also helped as much as an extra week of pregnancy, the study found.

"For the first time, parents and their doctors will have the best available information on which to base one of the most difficult and time-sensitive decisions they are

ever likely to face," said Langer, who works in Maryland as a statistician for the North Carolina-based Research Triangle Institute.

The research focused on extremely premature babies, those born after 22 to 25 weeks in the womb. A full term is about 40 weeks.

Extremely premature babies face some of the longest odds of survival and often are placed on breathing machines or given other special help. They often weigh just 1 1/2 pounds and measure 10 or 11 inches — not much longer than an average adult's hand.

These births present parents with a terrifying choice — whether to take extreme measures to save the child, possibly destined for a life of severe disability, or stop treatment and allow the child to die.

The new study focused on nearly 4,200 extremely premature infants born at hospitals across the country.

Half died within two years after birth. About 12 percent survived but had significant impairments like blindness, deafness or cerebral palsy. About the same number had even more severe physical or mental disabilities.

The researchers put together an online tool that invites people to type in an infant's birth weight, gender and other data and predicts survival odds based on the study's results.

Gestational age — the number of weeks from fertilization to birth — is closely connected to chances of survival. In the study, of babies with a gestational age of 22 weeks, 95 percent

A doctor told them the twins faced dangers and impairments — especially Ayden, who had a collapsed lung and serious brain bleeding. "Do we continue treatment, or let him go?" recalled Sean Tuley.

died. At 23 weeks, about three-quarters died. At 24 weeks, less than half died, and at 25 weeks, only about a quarter died.

Premature babies born at 24 weeks or older are routinely given intensive care, but smaller babies are handled case by case, said Dr. Judy Aschner, chief of neonatology at Vanderbilt University's children's hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

But gestational age is an imperfect measurement, often based on a mother's memory of her last period before a pregnancy began, and may be off by a week or two.

Some doctors said they were startled to see that certain factors equated to an extra week in the womb.

"That's the thing that catches my attention," said Dr. David Rubenstein, director of the neonatal intensive care unit at New York City's Columbia University Medical Center.

The researchers also found that in cases where boys and girls had equal chances of survival, girls were less likely than boys to receive intensive care. It's not clear why, but Langer said heavier babies tend to get intensive care more often, and boys tend to be heavier.

Some parents of preemies said they're not sure what they would have done with this new information had they had it at the time of birth.

Amy Schatz of New York gave birth to a 24-week-old boy in 2004. Before the birth, her doctor tried to prepare her for the worst by telling her boys don't survive as well as girls, she said.

"I was devastated. It really frightened me," said Schatz, 45. Her son, Noah, is now healthy and developing normally.

Sean and Jolene Tuley of Mount Juliet, Tenn., dealt

with greater tragedy. They were expecting twins when, in January, the placenta of one child — a boy named Ayden — detached from Jolene's uterus.

With no time to give the mother steroids, doctors performed an emergency Caesarean section and delivered the children at 23 1/2 weeks.

A doctor told them the twins faced dangers and impairments — especially Ayden, who had a collapsed lung and serious brain bleeding. "Do we continue treatment, or let him go?" recalled Sean Tuley.

The Tuleys instructed the doctor to keep providing care for both. Clara lived, and doctors think she may be able to go home from the hospital this week. But Ayden died after nine days.

It's important that parents have all the information they can when facing a decision about care in a situation like that, said Jolene Tuley, 33.

But she also echoed Schatz: It's not clear what parents can do about factors like whether the preemie is a boy or a girl or if the child had steroids. "It's not something you can control," she said.

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The event will also play host to other organizations and agencies. People may drop off household appliances, furniture, clothing, backpacks, suitcases, eyeglasses, egg cartons, paper bags, aluminum cans, automotive batteries, newspapers, office/computer paper, magazines and corrugated cardboard.

"This event comes at a great time," said True. "You can combine spring cleaning, April's designation of Earth Month and a great start on tax deductions for next year's taxes!"

Shakes

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Crocker said. In fact, signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease may be dismissed as the effects of aging.

Other risk factors may include heredity, gender, exposure to pesticides and herbicides and/or reduced estrogen levels, among others, he said.

"See your health provider if you have any of the symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease, not only

to diagnose the illness but also to rule out other causes for your problem," Crocker said.

A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease is based on medical history, observations and a neurological examination, he said. The health provider will want to know about any medications being taken and any family history of Parkinson's.

The initial response to Parkinson's treatment can be dramatic for some, but over time the benefits of drugs diminish or become less consistent, Crocker said, although symptoms can usu-

ally still be fairly well controlled.

Physical therapy may be helpful in improving mobility, range of motion and muscle tone, he said. Although specific exercises cannot stop the progress of the disease, strengthening muscles may improve confidence and capability.

"When lifestyle changes are no longer enough, your health provider may recommend certain medications," Crocker said. "Medications can help manage problems with walking, movement and tremor by increasing the brain's supply of dopamine."

With the advent of drug therapies, surgical approaches have been re-evaluated, he said. A brain implant device is now widely used to help control many of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The deep brain stimulator consists of a pacemaker-like unit implanted in the chest wall that transmits electric impulses through a wire to tiny electrodes inserted deep within the brain.

"If you have received a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, you will need to work closely with your health provider to find a treatment plan right for you," Crocker said. "Certain lifestyle changes also may help make living with Parkinson's disease easier, such as eating a healthy diet and getting exercise."

More information can be found on the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Web site at <http://www.ninds.nih.gov>.

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Farm Scene: Food aid groups push 'green revolution'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Amid a deepening world hunger crisis, leading food aid groups are calling for a "green revolution" that would help impoverished regions develop their own agriculture economies rather

than relying on U.S.-grown food.

Josette Sheeran, executive director of the World Food Programme, told more than 700 people gathered in Kansas City for the International Food Aid

Conference recently that the time has come for governments around the world to invest in their farmers.

Half of hungry African farmers can't even afford to feed their own families, she said. In Laos, farmers are

planting one-third fewer crops because they have no access to credit to buy seed and fertilizer. At the same time, they have a fundamental mistrust in commodity markets. In many countries, remote farmers cannot access markets because of poor roads, she said.

Her comments came as soaring food and fuel prices have strained food aid budgets of humanitarian aid groups across the globe. The World Food Programme, the world's largest food aid agency, has seen its costs rise 55 percent since June, she said. That means that most countries are getting 40 percent less food for the same contribution, putting more than 100 million people under "severe stress" because of high food prices.

Besides taking care of immediate needs and stabilizing shortages that have led to violent food riots in Haiti and other countries, Sheeran and other aid leaders are backing proposals to buy more food from local farmers in developing countries, cutting transportation costs while bolstering those nation's agricultural economies.

One solution is for humanitarian agencies to contract with poor farmers so they can afford to plant bigger crops. That would guarantee the farmers a market, in effect making the humanitarian agencies the buyers.

But some of the ideas are controversial in the U.S., particularly here in the nation's breadbasket. Currently, more than half of the food the U.S. exports for humanitarian relief is purchased from U.S. growers,

and the United States accounts for the majority of the food aid distributed around the globe, feeding one out of every two recipients.

Rebecca Bratter, director of trade policy for U.S. Wheat Associates, told those attending the conference Monday that the nation's grain growers do not support the so-called cash option that would buy food aid in other countries rather than the United States. She said that 6 percent of the nation's wheat crop traditionally has gone toward food aid purchases.

"Kansas is ground zero for the wheat industry," she said.

But Gaddi Vasquez, U.S. ambassador to U.N. agencies in Rome, said the hunger crisis has spurred interest in a greater global investment in agriculture. He urged

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WT NEWS & NOTES ...

WTAMU's College of Business Launches Blog

CANYON — The College of Business at West Texas A&M University has launched BuffBusiness.com, a blog featuring the wit, wisdom and writings of its faculty.

"Blogging has become a very popular and powerful medium, and BuffBusiness.com allows our faculty members to join the online conversation by posting their thoughts on the events that are shaping the day," Neil Terry, dean of the College of Business, said.

"More than anything, the blog shows that our faculty members are indeed quite normal individuals leading very normal lives. At the same time, we are all highly trained in our respective fields."

A crew of six faculty writers currently staffs the blog, writing essays on everything from finance and economics to marketing, computer science and accounting.

"The tone is more conversational than it is academic," Terry said. "It enables our professors to write for a broad audience. We are approachable and wish to make ourselves known to the community."

BuffBusiness.com was developed by Dr. Nick Gerlich, professor of marketing and an avid blogger in his online courses. Anyone may post responses to the blogs by registering onsite, and Gerlich encourages people who are interested to do just that.

"I hope that the community embraces the blog and uses it as a means of discourse between academia and practitioners," Gerlich said. "I've been blogging in the electronic classroom for three years and use it as a means of instruction. It lets me put my thoughts together in a more formal way, and in so doing create cutting edge learning opportunities for students based on the happenings of the moment."

The blog also allows friends and alumni of the College of Business to check in on their former professors and become acquainted with others by virtue of their writings.

"Furthermore, since many companies routinely check the blogosphere to see who is writing about them, it will showcase our local talent before a national audience," Gerlich said. "In the past six months, I have had five companies and the Wall Street Journal either link to the blog or write to thank me for mentioning them."

Reception to Honor Jodi Thomas

CANYON — The Office of Continuing Education (OCE) at West Texas A&M University will host a book signing and reception for best-selling author Jodi Thomas at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at the OCE office on the WTAMU campus.

Thomas will offer remarks at 5:30 p.m., visit with those attending and sign copies of her latest book "Twisted Creek."

The award-winning author was named WTAMU's writer in residence in 2002 and teaches an advanced novel-writing class each spring through OCE. She is the author of 25 novels and four anthologies, many of which have spent several weeks on the New York Times and USA Today best-sellers lists.

She has numerous credits and awards to her name, including three R.I.T.A. awards and induction into the Romance Writers Hall of Fame by the Romance Writers of America.

"Twisted Creek" is Thomas' newest publication. The book tells the story of down-in-luck Allie McDaniel and the life-altering changes she experiences when she inherits a tiny cafe in a small Texas town.

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Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers elect new officers

FORT WORTH — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recently elected officers for 2008-09 during the association's 131st annual convention in Corpus Christi.

Jon Means of Van Horn was re-elected president; G. Dave Scott of Richmond as first vice president; and Joe Parker Jr. of Byers as second vice president.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs was named honorary vice president. She operates Combs Cattle Co. in Brewster County.

New honorary members are George Beggs IV of Fort Worth; William A. "Bill" Gearhart of Montgomery; Hatch C. Smith of Llano; Edward B. "Booster" Stephenson of Liberty; and Russell "Rusty" Noble of Ardmore, Okla.

TSCRA members elected to the board of directors are as follows: Mary Lou Bradley-Henderson, Bradley 3 Ranch, Memphis; Jim L. Gates, Gates Cattle Co., Pearsall; Tom J. Haynie, Haynie Ranch, Navasota; Don Keeling, Pleasanton; Brian T. McLaughlin, Double M Ranch, San Angelo; Diaz W. Murray, F Bar Springs Ranch LLC, Wichita Falls; C. Paxton Ramsey Jr., 7L Land and Cattle, Devers; and Dale A. Smith, Corsino Cattle Co., Amarillo.



Courtesy Photo
The Pampa Junior High School Choirs participated in a recent UIL Choir contest in Amarillo. The boys choir won a first division trophy in concert. The seventh and eighth grade girls won sweepstakes trophies for first division in concert and sight reading. Above: Collin McClendon, Braden Russell, Zane Robles, Drew Facio, Alexis Downen, Elizabeth Terry, Heather Coffee, Caylee Steward, Jessica Covil, Karli Harden, Brittany Darnell, Madison Fatheree and Bethany Casas.

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Congress to back the Bush administration's proposal to use 25 percent of U.S. food aid dollars for local procurement in other countries. He said innovative programs to buy locally would help small-scale farmers.

"The ultimate objective," Vasquez said, "is to help countries battling hunger to feed their own people."

President Bush on Monday announced plans to draw down an estimated \$200 million from a humanitarian trust to address the impact of the high commodity prices on food aid.

"Food aid is the most visible demonstration of the good

will of the American people," said Mark Keenum, undersecretary for the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service for the Department of Agriculture.

Last year, the United States sent 2.5 million tons of food aid valued at \$2 billion. Because of high prices the actual tonnage was down 16 percent from 2006.

"We are spending more but delivering less," Keenum said.

In some countries, such as Sudan, food aid recipients are helping build roads so that remote farmers can bring their crops to market, Sheeran said. In Senegal, the World Food Programme taught women how to iodize salt produced in their country to create an industry.

"Defeating hunger is achievable. It requires no new

scientific breakthrough. We know how to do it," Sheeran said.

In Africa, a 10 percent increase in food prices leads to a 2.3 percent increase in poverty, said Cris Muyunda, regional coordinator for the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Program of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

But he also saw in those high commodity prices an opportunity to potentially grow the economies in the area, because 32 percent of the region's gross national product is agricultural.

Muyunda cited Malawi as one of the region's success stories. The country, facing a serious food deficit in 2004-05 growing season issued an international food appeal. By

the following year it had a 400,000 metric ton surplus. Two years later it had a 1.2 million metric ton surplus.

He credited Malawi's fertilizer subsidy program as well as government intervention to promote innovative programs such as establishing a commodity exchange for the turnaround.

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Sports



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Senior Krishna Anderson, pictured above with her parents Keenan and Susan Anderson, recently signed to Southwestern Oklahoma State for volleyball. Krishna was a three year letterman in volleyball and will graduate this year with her class.

Former Sandie Coach Dippel headlines local coaches clinic

Football Coaches from all around the panhandle gathered on Wednesday night in Pampa to hear retired coaching legend Larry Dippel offer his thoughts on the profession, and how to maintain a successful coaching staff.

"Coaches make a difference," Dippel said. "There is a certain amount of social prestige in being a coach, and we use it to make a positive influence."

Dippel amassed more than 250 wins and 23 playoff appearances in his coaching career.

Kyle Lynch and assistant Craig Campbell also presented lectures on various Canadian defensive schemes, which helped lead the Wildcats to a 2A Division II State Championship.

The Panhandle Coaches Clinic is a monthly series of lectures featuring football

coaches from various high school programs in the area. Palo Duro's Steve Parr initiated the idea earlier in the year, and explained the importance of coaches taking the opportunity to learn from each other.

"One coach told me that, the area where he was from, neighboring or opposing staffs never spoke to one another at track meets," said Parr. "It was taboo. What a shame."

Approximately 70 coaches representing Canadian, Sunray, Perryton, Tascosa, Palo Duro, Amarillo High, Bushland, White Deer, Canyon, Pampa, and Dumas were all in attendance.

The event was hosted at the new Pampa American Starlight Meeting and Banquet Facility, and a brisket dinner was provided by The Dixie Cafe of Pampa.

JV Softball Correction

In Tuesday's edition of The Pampa News it should have been reported that the Lady Harvester JV softball team lost to Palo Duro, 18-14.

Pampa out hit Palo Duro 11 to 5 but Pampa's defense had too many errors.

Jordan Mayhew pitched and allowed five hits, eight base on balls and struck out six.

The JV's last district game of the season was on Friday, April 18 against Randall in Pampa. Friday was also senior day at Pampa High School.

Hidden Hills Golf Club results

Ladies Monday Night Mixed Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course April 14, 2008

1st Place (32)
Pat Montoya
Betty Scarbrough
Seth Stribling

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2nd Place (33)
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Sat. April 19	Astros vs Colorado Rockies	6:00pm
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Wens. April 23	Astros vs Cincinnati Red	6:00pm
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Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course April 16, 2008

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Jim Brashears
Jim Cantrell
Oscar Sangent
Earnest Barnett

2nd Place (63)
Harley Knutson
Jim Ashford
Carl Johnson
Calvin Lacy

3rd Place (63)
Travis Taylor
Bill Housley
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kamie Doughty

Softball



Kamie Doughty, right fielder for the Lady Harvester varsity softball team, is 3-6 with three singles, three runs scored and two stolen bases. "She brings a lot of spunk to the team," Coach Bobbi Gill said. "She is such a team player. She does such a good job of taking care of her role and always having a great work ethic."

Braden Hunt

Baseball



Sophomore Braden Hunt plays first base for the Pampa Harvester varsity baseball team. His season stats include a .357 batting average, four runs scored, four doubles and nine RBIs. For District he holds a .400 batting average, has scored one run and has five RBIs.

History notables ...



(NAPS) — Ferdinand Magellan was the first person to lead an expedition sailing westward from Europe to Asia and to cross the Pacific Ocean.

HARVESTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

2008



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TUESDAY • APRIL 22

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FRIDAY • APRIL 25

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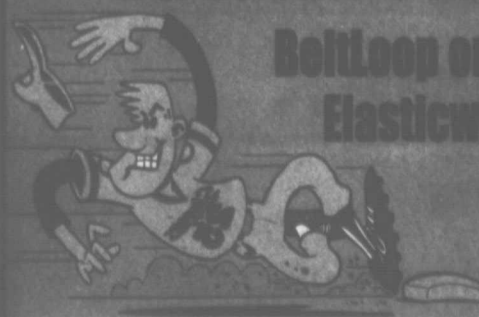
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Museum Mementos

The 'N Bar N Waltz' is heard at Meredith House

Herb Smith, former owner of Foto Time at 107 N. Cuyler, is a member of the band that plays for the residents of Meredith House on Tuesday and Saturday nights. His wife, Lynn, formerly the director of Community Christian School of Pampa, leads a class in Bible study there on Wednesday mornings. Lynn's mother, Frances Hefley, is a resident at Meredith House.

The band is composed of Herb Smith, Jimmy Flynn and Robert Brewer playing guitars; Betty Crawford playing accordion; Kenneth Crawford playing harmonica, picking sticks and dance dolls; and Lucille Cozart playing piano. Sometimes Jack Selby with his fiddle joins the band.

Recently the band has begun to play the "N Bar N Waltz," and Herb has written lyrics to be sung with the melody. In pioneer days, Alex Schneider and his band played the waltz all over the Texas Panhandle.

The waltz originated on the N-N Ranch in Big Dry Country, Mont., about 1886. The

founders of the ranch were William F. and Frederick G. Niedringhaus, immigrants from Germany who came to St. Louis. They made a fortune in the manufacture of gray speckled granite cookware and invested their fortune in the "beef bonanza."

From 1889 to 1893, the Niedringhaus brothers leased the entire area (631,000 acres) of the White Deer Lands for summer grazing. The last great cattle drive from this area left from this ranch in 1892 with Tom Coffee as trail boss.

Headquarters for the N Bar N Ranch on the White Deer Lands was a white house at the southeastern edge of the town of White Deer. In 1889, a celebration that lasted from Christmas Day to New Year's Day was held at this house, and the Niedringhaus brothers sent a carload of ironware cooking utensils and dishes for the occasion.

Pamphlets telling the story of the N Bar N Ranch and showing the musical notation for the melody are available free of charge at the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

Eloise Lane

White Deer Land Museum, Pampa



Sweetheart of the month

Kiersten Taylor, daughter of Orbin and Carole Lesly, was named Pampa Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month for March. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: Varsity basketball; cheerleading; student mentoring volunteer; gymnastics, dance and tumbling; senior cheerleading captain; and secretary for student crime stoppers. Her future plans are to attend South Plains College in Levelland for two years and then transfer to Texas Tech University to major in education. Her goal is to return to Pampa to teach English and coach cheerleading.



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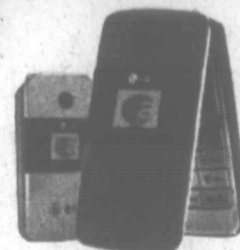
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Herb Smith

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Chasing a stray back to the herd,
I spied a lovely maiden,
So I ride up to her.
Says I, forgive my boldness,
But would you accompany me,
To a soiree in town
On this next Saturday?*

CHORUS:
*Oh a drover and a cowboy
Is all that I have been,
Working days and lonely nights
For the great N-Bar-N,
But I'd leave the great prairies
And toil down on the farm,
For the joys of conversation
With a girl of your charms.*

*We danced and stepped so lively,
Till breathless we did fall
In love, the king and queen
Of the range riders ball,
And soon I asked her father
If she could be my wife,
In a happy country home
For the rest of my life.*

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Lifestyle

Newsmakers

WACO — George Armstrong Waters will be presented as an escort at the Waco Cotton Palace Pageant Friday, April 25 at Baylor University's Waco Hall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven David Waters of Fort Worth; and is the grandson of the late Bill and Elaine Waters of Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Notestine of Dallas.

A member of National Honor Society, Waters is a student at R.L. Paschal High School. He has ranked in the top 10 per-



Waters

cent of his class for the past four years. He is a four-year Radio Shack Scholar, a drummer in Paschal Jazz Band and a member of All-Region Jazz Band.

Waters enjoys skiing and hunting and has attended Camp Longhorn for nine years — eight as a camper and one as a counselor. He is a member of Young Republicans and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, serving as Senior Acolyte.

His summer plans include traveling and working as a counselor at Camp Longhorn. He will attend the University

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Isbell/Whittington

Eva Isbell and Jeff Whittington plan to wed Aug. 8 at First Baptist Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jerry and Frances Isbell. She is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. She is currently a teacher's aide at Austin Elementary School. The future groom is the son of Joe and Kay Whittington of San Antonio. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1982 and earned a degree in criminal justice from Southwest Texas State University in 1987. He is currently a district parole office in Amarillo for the State of Texas.



Bonnell/Plunk

Jennifer René Bonnell and Michael Olon Plunk, both of Pampa, plan to wed Saturday, June 21, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Karon Bonnell of Pampa. She graduated from Miami High School at Miami in 1998 and earned a bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma State University in 2002. She is currently a teacher at Travis Elementary School. The future groom is the son of Forest and Patty Plunk of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in 2003. He is currently a process control engineer at Celanese Chemical Plant.

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.

Timeless Treasures

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at First Christian Church Disciple Center in Guyton, Okla. The featured speaker and presenter will be Louisa L. Smith of Loveland, Colo. She will conduct two workshops. For more information, call Phyllis at (580) 338-0036.

Preceptor Theta Iota

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa met April 14 at the Dixie Cafe with President Carolyn Smith presiding and Janice Hubbard acting as hostess.

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.

—Correspondence from International was read. Broggin had news from International as well.

—Committee reports were heard.

—Broggin read the application from the chapter's 2008 scholarship recipient, Lydia Salazar. Salazar and her mother will be guests at Founder's Day activities. The annual Founder's Day will be at 6:30 p.m. May 2 at Pampa Country Club.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. April 22. New officers will be installed at 7 p.m.



Hutto/Wedeking

Kebbi Lynn Hutto and Colton Lee Wedeking, both of Abilene, plan to wed June 28 at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tim and Kristi Hutto of New Home and is the granddaughter of Larry and Lynn Ray, and David and Janet Hutto of Pampa. She is pursuing a nursing degree at Hardin-Simmons University and is a 2007 graduate of New Home High School. The future groom is the son of Ricky and Sharon Wedeking of Stamford. He is also pursuing a nursing degree at HSU and is a 2006 graduate of Stamford High School.

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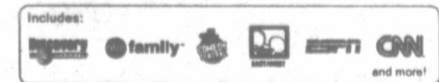
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Health Awareness

Taking steps to control life with chronic digestive disease

(NAPSA) — When Amy and Joe Nardini of Fremont, Calif., first heard of ulcerative colitis, they were sitting in a gastroenterologist's office. They had just learned that their previously healthy 12-year-old daughter Megan now had it. All types of emotions came over them as terms such as "colon removal" and "incurable" were thrown into the conversation about this painful digestive disease. Combined with a similar disease called Crohn's, ulcerative colitis affects over 1.4 million Americans — and as many as 150,000 people with these diseases are under the age of 18.

Frank Sileo, Ph.D., a licensed and practicing psychologist who specializes in therapy for people with chronic illness, often sees patients and their families facing a recent diagnosis of these diseases. Crohn's and colitis vary in severity from



Many of the 1.4 million Americans with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are under the age of 18, posing a unique set of challenges.

person to person, making diagnosis even more diffi-

cult. "Usually anger, confusion, frustration and fear are felt during diagnosis," says Dr. Sileo, who is also author of "Toilet Paper Flowers," a children's book on Crohn's and colitis. "Not only is it hard for people to talk about because the symptoms are embarrassing, but Crohn's and colitis are often misunderstood. Both are chronic diseases that affect the whole person with all sorts of symptoms."

The Nardinis left the office with bags of medicine in hand and a prescription for a disease that was to bring them on a roller coaster of a ride over the next several years. As with so many other children with Crohn's or colitis, the side effects of the medicine Megan took often overshadowed their positive effects — bloating, psychosis, sleep deprivation and overeating among them. By age 17, Megan had undergone six surgeries and missed out on most of the typical teenage experiences.

"Megan would try to go back to school, but then have to be home schooled again," says Amy. "There was always a lot of stress around school because of the illness. Not only was she stressed about the medications' side effects, but about using the bathroom at school and missing so much work."

The Nardinis learned how to advocate on behalf of their daughter — at school and at the hospital — from other families they met at a support group through the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. It was the emotional support provided by such a family that helped the Nardinis get through two surgeries, one after the other, at the beginning of 2006. Megan's friend from the support group, who had also had the surgery, held her hand while the friend's mother cleaned the wound and changed the bag as she explained the process to Amy.

Dr. Sileo says that children often feel guilty about having Crohn's and colitis and can get angry at themselves, especially when it limits other family members. Although it's hard to have full-day family outings, he suggests planning to take breaks.

"Planning and carrying supplies such as a change of clothes and cleansing wipes are ways you can feel more comfortable, and in control of a disease that can make you feel out of control," says Dr. Sileo. "It's important to learn to live with limitations no matter how it makes you feel. Healthy expression of these feelings is really important."

These limitations are not bound to family life, says Amy, talking about how digestive disease has made it hard for Megan to maintain friendships with other people her age. "It is extraordinary to ask a child to deal with a friend going through this," she continues. "This has made Megan more empathetic and opened her up to new friendships with people she wouldn't otherwise have met."

These friends — from the hospital, the community and camp — are banding with Megan to take on digestive disease. This spring, they will walk alongside thousands of others across the country in the largest event dedicated to fighting digestive disease. Through the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk (www.cctakesteps.org), they are raising critical awareness

ment while participating in aerial flight.

The medal is primarily intended to recognize those individuals who are on current crew member or non-crew member flying status which requires them to participate in aerial flight on a regular and frequent basis in the performance of their primary duties. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or heroism or for meritorious service.

The airman participated in combat operations over Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, respectively. The medal recipient flew combat battlespace control missions aboard the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft while assigned to the 963rd Airborne Expeditionary Air Control Squadron in Southwest Asia, Persian Gulf region.

Moone is a navigator regularly assigned to the 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla. The lieutenant has served in the military for 12 years. His wife, Kathryn, is the daughter of Kathryn Cavalier of Pampa. He is the son of Brigitte R. Moone of Bradenton, Fla.

In 1994, Moone graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville, Fla., and received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

CANYON — Kayla Jenkins will act during West Texas A&M University's final theatre production of the 2007-08 season set to be staged at 7:30 p.m. April 23-26 at Happy State Bank Studio Theatre in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex on the WT campus.

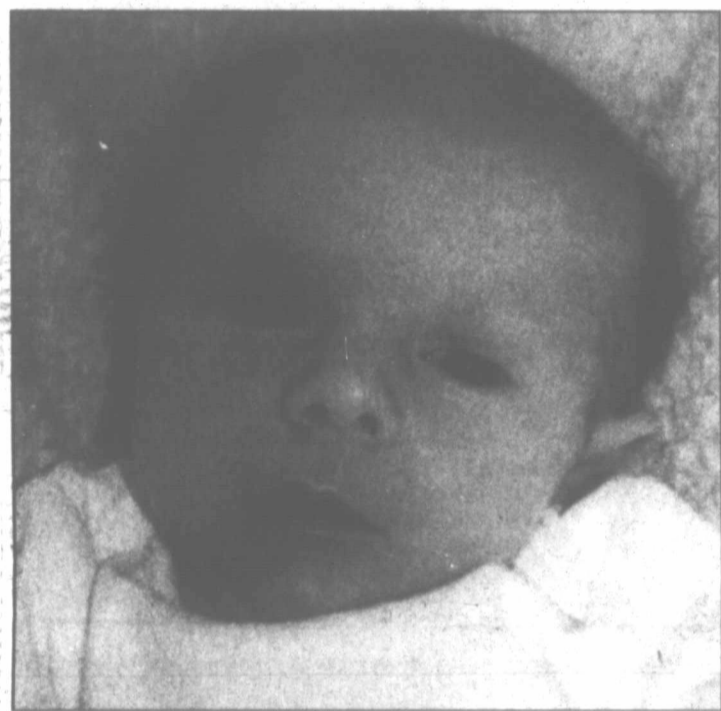
Jenkins, a junior theatre major from Canadian, will play the part of Hattie Stern (grandmother) in WT's production of "Unexpected Tenderness."

Dustin Swartzell, a senior theatre performance major from Vernon, will direct the family drama written by Israel Horowitz.

"I chose this memory play because of the freedom it offered," Swartzell said. "It takes in all aspects of theatre and gives a range of opportunities in the externals such as lighting."

The play takes place in the Stern family home in the 1950s. The story examines the Stern family's struggle to maintain balance, and a son's fear that he will one day be

Cradle call



Jeremy Robert Morris

Jeremy Robert Morris was born March 28 at Amarillo, to Justin and Andrea Morris of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 7-ounces and was 19-inches long. He is the grandson of Robert and Cara Morris, Dianna and G.M. Walls of Pampa, and Dr. Robert and April Phillips of Amarillo; and is the great-grandson of Richard Forbes, Clyde and Gwen Tidwell, and Jay and Faye Morris, all of Pampa.

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of Texas at Austin in the fall.

The Waco Cotton Palace Pageant is held each year in conjunction with the Waco Cotton Palace, a stage production that recounts the history of Waco and its ties to the cotton industry.

CANYON — Dirk Swope, a junior management major of Pampa, is among nominees for the 2008 Man of the Year Award at West Texas A&M University.

WTAMU will announce the winners of this most prestigious of student awards — Man and Woman of the Year — during the 29th annual University Honors Banquet Friday, April 25 at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

Four men and six women have been nominated for Man and Women of the Year. Finalists will be announced at a reception at 6 p.m. the day of the banquet on the Isley Terrace at the Alumni Banquet Facility.

The banquet will follow at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility's Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson Dining Hall.

Other awards to be presented at the annual banquet are Outstanding Student Organization, Outstanding Student Organization Advisers and, possibly, the Presidential Order of the Silver Buffalo, which is reserved for elite individuals or organizations whose accomplishments have brought national honor and distinction to the University.

"The Silver Buffalo is reserved for very special accomplishments that merit special recognition," Dr. Don Albrecht, vice president for student services, said. "It is not automatically awarded every year, just when it is especially deserved."

Tickets for the University Honors Banquet are \$13 and may be obtained at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center information desk. Everyone is welcome at the Man and Woman of the Year Reception. For more information, call 806-651-2394.

Air Force 1st Lt: Brian A. Moone has been decorated with the Air Medal, awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the armed forces of the United States, has distinguished himself or herself by meritorious achieve-

Menus

Week of April 21-25

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Biscuits. Lunch: Popcorn shrimp or pizza, potatoes, spinach, applesauce, rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Blueberry-pancake-and-sausage-on-a-stick. Lunch: Spaghetti or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, pineapple, garlic toast.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Bean/cheese burritos or chef salad, corn, English peas, fruit.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Chicken alfredo or cheese cups/chips, blackeyed peas, broccoli, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Mini-twin cheeseburgers or hot-dogs, fries, carrots, fruit, cookies.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Frito pie, beans, salad, dessert.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY Chicken noodles, English peas, salad, dessert.</p> <p>THURSDAY Meatloaf, corn, mashed potatoes, dessert.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Briarwood FRIDAY Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king/cornbread, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, beets, beans, tomato spice cake or chocolate pudding</p>	<p>cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Lasagna rollups or Salisbury steak, tater tots, spinach, cream corn, beans, Boston cream pie or cherry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, carrots, beans, marble fudge cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or sausages and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, squash casserole, beans, pistachio chocolate cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or stew, potato wedges, spring blend, beans, lemon bundt cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Corndogs, macaroni cheese, pork beans.</p> <p>TUESDAY Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potatoes casserole, pudding.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake.</p> <p>FRIDAY Beef tips, cream corn, baked apples, cookies.</p>
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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.
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taken by the same explosive behavior that affects both his father and grandfather. The play offers a wrenching look at domestic violence with moments of unexpected tenderness between the characters.

"It has a good balance of comedy and drama," Swartzell said.

Swartzell's play is the third student-directed drama presented this academic year.

Tickets for WTAMU theatre productions are priced at \$10 for reserved seating and \$7 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. For more information, call the box office at 806-651-2804. The box office is open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 30 minutes before each show.

Katie Lane O'Neal, daughter of Ron and Amy Unruh of Pampa, has been selected finalist for Texas' 28th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection this weekend at DFW Airport Marriott North in Irving.

O'Neal is homecoming queen at Pampa High.

The winning finalist will receive a cash scholarship and an expense paid trip to the national finals.

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., is a nonprofit organization promoting education, educational travel and community service in schools from all 50 states.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old woman with two daughters, ages 20 and 23. I married my high school sweetheart, "Cooper." I had heard rumors that Cooper had strayed from time to time, but had no evidence to back it up, and, of course, he denied it. I went by my husband's office one day to surprise him, and his new secretary informed me that Cooper had just taken his wife to lunch at a local bistro! I went right over there and found them whispering, kissing and feeding each other. I did not make a scene. When Cooper arrived home that evening, I confronted him. He tried to deny it. I called him a liar and he slapped me! (A first.) He moved out that night, and I filed for divorce. I pawned my wedding band and engagement ring. The clerk asked if I was going to buy a divorce ring. I had never heard of one. I searched online, found a nice one, ordered it and wear it proudly. Cooper and his parents are livid! They say I am poking fun at him and accuse me of "promoting divorce." My friends and oldest daughter think it's cool. Some of my divorced friends have ordered rings, too. The ring is different in design, beautiful, makes me feel good and shows my independence. Should I feel guilty for wearing an identity ring like this? -- **DIVORCING AND LOVING IT IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR DIVORCING AND LOVING IT: No, you should not. The next time Cooper and his parents accuse you of "promoting divorce," remind them that it was Cooper who promoted divorce by openly cheating on you. If the ring brings you pleasure -- and comfort -- then enjoy it. However, please be aware that many people will not understand its significance -- and if you wear it on the third finger of your left hand, they may think you are still married and unavailable.

DEAR ABBY: I need your help. I am happily married to a wonderful man but recently became attracted to a co-worker. The man is completely not my type and I would never act on these feelings, but it's starting to distract me at work. I think he feels the same way, but would never approach me because he knows I am married and ethical. I have thought about leaving my job, but I am very successful here. Walking away would be a bad career move for me and put a financial damper on my family. As long as I don't act on my feelings -- or even discuss them -- is it morally wrong to continue working here? I know it's normal to be attracted to other people, but I have never felt THIS attracted to anyone other than my husband before. This is making me feel extremely guilty, but I can't help my feelings. What should I do? -- **UNSURE IN SYRACUSE**

DEAR UNSURE: The time has come to have a truth session -- with yourself. If you are attracted to your co-worker to the point that it is "distracting," could you be sending him signals that you are available? If that's the case, it might be better for your marriage -- and your career -- to explore openings elsewhere. If it's not, then please understand that marriage is not a prophylactic against becoming attracted to others. However, responsible adults don't take the bait, and that should include you. Nothing in life is free, and this could cost you your future.

For Better Or Worse



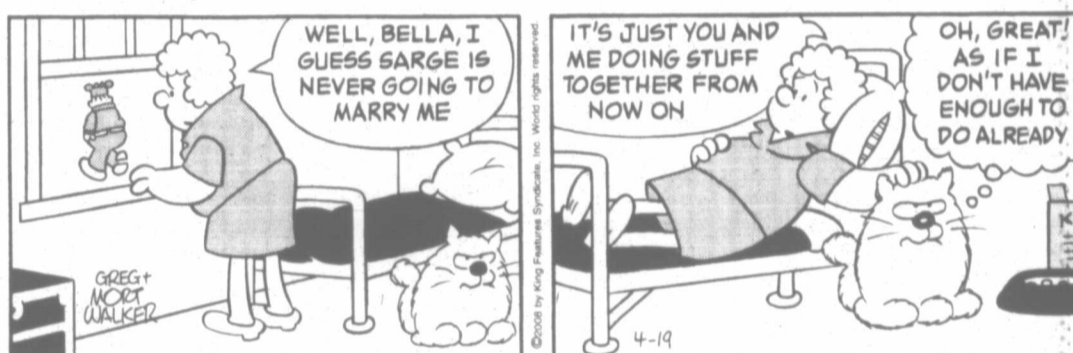
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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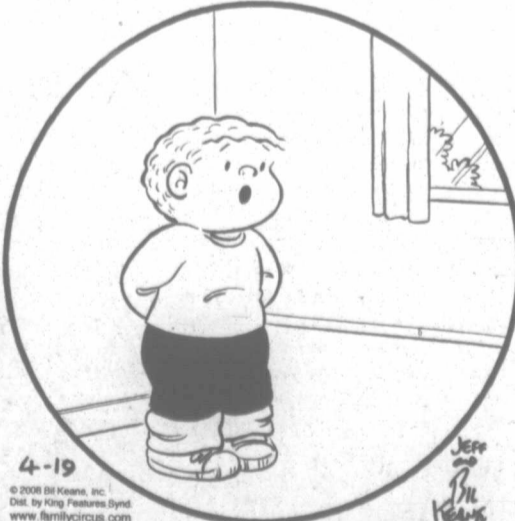
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"Chew a toy or a bone? That's your big decision for the day?"

The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Well, if we can't go to the zoo today, can the animals come here to play?"

B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



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Flo & Friends



SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

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MEETINGS & PSAs

CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, Etc.
PAMPA WOODCARVING CLUB. Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.
PPQG. Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.
Shrine Club. Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.
TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.
WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 865-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

MEDICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, Etc.
AL-ANON. Al-Anon meets at 12 p.m. Mondays at Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning. For more information, call 669-2923.
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP. The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month from 12-1 p.m. at Shepard's Nursing. A light lunch is provided. Programs provide information through video series and lectures. For more information, call 665-0356 or 665-8732.
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.
ANGELS HAVE WHEELS. Some Medicare recipients may qualify for electric wheelchairs at no charge to themselves. For more information, call 1-800-810-2877.
ARC. Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING. Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsman program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Tanya Mock, regional local Ombudsman, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.
BEGINNINGS. "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.
BREAST CANCER 101. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center offers "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, from 4:30-6 p.m., the second Monday of each month in the Quiet Room of Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.
CLEAN AIR AL-ANON. Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.
COAF WEB SITE. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

Tick Riders: Guarding U.S. from disease-carrying pest

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Fred Garza has been patrolling a piece of the Rio Grande for 16 years, usually riding solo on horseback, sometimes venturing to areas where his radio and cell phone have limited range.

But Garza's not looking for drug smugglers or illegal immigrants — at least not the human kind. He's looking for stray livestock that might be carrying a tiny pest and its cargo of a deadly disease into the United States.

"If it doesn't have hooves, it's not our concern," Garza said.

Garza is a veteran of the 61-person U.S. Department of Agriculture "Tick Rider" force, a group that keeps watch over a 700-mile buffer zone along the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Del Rio. They inspect both foreign strays and native ranch animals for the fever tick, a parasite eradicated from the U.S. 65 years ago that can transmit disease to cattle and could spread to the entire southeastern U.S. if not controlled.

But lately, the tick has managed to migrate beyond the 862-square mile permanent quarantine zone, an area from which cattle can't be removed unless they are free of ticks. The spread has forced the formation of three temporary quarantine zones totaling more than

1,100-square miles. "Our concern is that if we are not successful in containing the outbreak, then at some point we're going to have ... fever ticks in some area in the country other than South Texas," said Bob Hillman, state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "They're not adept at dealing with fever ticks in other parts of the country."

To move cattle out of any quarantine zone and into the "free area," they must first be "scratched," or inspected, for ticks.

On the ranch, that usually involves forcing four or five cattle into a narrow chute where their udders, flanks and other areas can be felt for ticks. In the wild, it means cattle must be "apprehended" — that's tick rider-speak for roped — for a thorough check.

"Each inspector has to familiarize himself to the point that he knows each and every head of livestock," said Jack Gilpin, south assistant field director for the USDA Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program.

Finding just one in a herd costs thousands of dollars to ranchers, who must round up the cattle and have them treated — often multiple times — with an injection or pesticide spray or dip before they can be transported.

"It's hard on the landowner. (But) that's our job," said rider James Wells, who keeps his fingernails long to more easily pluck the critters, which when full of blood are still no bigger than the nail of a pinky finger.

The tick was virtually eradicated in the U.S. by 1943, a few years after the quarantine zone was established, Hillman said. The last major tick outbreak was in 1972. In 2004-05 there was another outbreak, and now the current infestation is nearing that level, but no disease has been detected.

"We're pretty much on par to set another record" since the 70s outbreak, Hillman said. "It's a dubious record."

Cattle tick fever can kill up to 90 percent of infected cattle, causing anemia, weight loss and bloody urine before death.

"During a heavy infestation, if you put your hand" on an animal, Garza said, "you might touch 50 ticks."

The eradication program received \$5.2 million in emergency funding to fight the tick spread in the temporary quarantine zones. Hillman said original requests had been for \$13 million.

"We're appreciative of the funds we receive for the tick program, but it's very obvious that if you need 13 (million) and get 5

(million), you can't do the work you need to do," Hillman said. "If you double the size of quarantine area, you can't do same work in more than twice the area with same personnel and equipment."

Bruce Knight, USDA undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, wouldn't discuss how much was originally requested. But he said the USDA is "optimistic this \$5.2 million in emergency funding should be adequate to get ahead of this pest problem."

In recent decades the fever has caused few deaths because tick riders have been able to keep ahead of it, said Ed Bowers, director of field operations for the tick eradication program.

But one of the newest challenges to limiting the spread of the pest is its movement on wildlife. White-tailed deer, elk, red deer and nilgai antelope, can carry the tick far and wide. Tick riders can't inspect them like a slow-moving cow, and ranch fences do little to keep them in check.

"Game can keep the tick population going in any given area," Gilpin said.

Texas clubs must pay 'pole tax' during appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas still expects strip clubs to pay the so-called "pole tax" while the state appeals a judge's ruling that the fee is unconstitutional.

The state comptroller has sent a letter to strip clubs saying the fee is active and that the first reports and payments are due Monday. If they aren't sent in, a 5 percent penalty takes effect.

Club owners say the money is going to a noble cause, but they argue that the tax infringes on their First Amendment right to freedom of expression, that it will drive some bars out of business and that it unfairly links their industry to sex crimes. Strip clubs have vowed to keep fighting the fee.

Austin attorney Stewart Whitehead, who represents the Texas Entertainment Association, which includes more than half the topless clubs in Texas, said the state is insisting on assessing fees that it knows are unconstitutional.

"It's a grave injustice that the attorney general and the comptroller would use procedural court technicalities to continue to trample on the rights of these business owners," Whitehead told The Dallas Morning News.

Last year, the Legislature overwhelmingly approved the \$5 cover fee on strip club patrons and designated the \$40 million to be collected annually to sexual assault services and health insurance to the poor.

On March 28, state district Judge Scott Jenkins found that the fee was an illegal tax on "expression that, while politically unpopular, is nevertheless protected by the First Amendment."

The judge declared the law invalid and issued an order that included an injunction against collecting the fee.

That was until an appeal by Attorney General Greg Abbott automatically suspended the judgment and the injunction.

"It is ironic that this industry, which used the courts to thwart the state's sexual assault prevention efforts, is criticizing the Attorney General for using that same court system to defend a Texas law that benefits and assists sexual assault victims," said Jerry Strickland, a spokesman for the Office of the Attorney General.

On Thursday, state district Judge Stephen Yelenosky declined to issue a new order that would keep the injunction in place during the appeal.

Cuts to subsidies for doctor-owned hospitals possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several Texas lawmakers are fighting a proposal to slice the price tag of the multibillion-dollar farm bill by curbing Medicare payments to physician-owned hospitals.

A conference committee of Republican and Democratic House and Senate members is negotiating a compromise farm bill to send to President Bush. Bush has been threatening a veto if the final bill that pays for crop subsidies, agricultural and nutrition programs exceeds his spending limits. The House and Senate bills would cost about \$280 billion.

The conference committee is considering limiting payments to hospitals based on rates of ownership by physician. One proposal is to require a hospital only be 40 percent owned by physicians to qualify for Medicare reimbursement. The spending proposal also would limit expansion by physician hospitals and the rate of ownership in a hospital by one physician.

The proposal rekindles a dispute between physician-owned and community hospitals over whether the doctor-owned hospitals siphon away patients with insurance or Medicare coverage or who can afford better health care.

Physician Hospitals of America, a South Dakota-based trade group, has estimated there are about 180 physician-owned hospitals in the country.

Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Plano, ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee, and Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, the top Republican on the Energy and Commerce Committee, sent a letter opposing the proposal to members of the agriculture conference committee Friday.

"Such a limitation should not be used precariously to offset agricultural spending in a bill that does nothing to address rising health care costs or ensure patient's access to care," the lawmakers wrote. "This provision, put simply, pays for farm bill spending at the expense of all Americans."

The lawmakers said the measure would restrict patient choice and jeopardize quality of care in communities and states with few hospitals, doctors and other health care professionals.

The American Hospital Association issued a news release saying studies show physician-owned hospitals treat fewer patients who are sicker or poor, and reduce patient access to emergency and trauma care.

But the Texas lawmakers are questioning a Congressional Budget Office estimate that the limits on physician owned hospitals could save \$2.4 billion over 10 years. Previously the office estimated minimal savings from such limits, the lawmakers said.

Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison signed the letter. Other Texans who signed the letter are Republican Reps. Pete Sessions of Dallas, Michael Burgess of Flower Mound, Ralph Hall of Rockwall, Mike Conaway of Midland, Jeb Hensarling of Dallas, Ron Paul of Lake Jackson, Kay Granger of Fort Worth, Mike McCaul of Austin and Louie Gohmert of Tyler. Democrats Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston and Silvestre Reyes of El Paso also signed.

Although he didn't sign the letter, Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, also opposes the proposal, his office said. He has been meeting with House leaders

about the issue. His district is home to Doctors Hospital at Renaissance in Edinburg. The hospital has 400 beds and 2,200 employees and an always-open emergency room. Seventy-nine percent of its patients are on Medicare or Medicaid.

The hospital was built by Alonzo Cantu, a top contributor to Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton. He's collected contributions for her from some of the hospitals' doctors.

The Texans could get help from Rep. Charlie Rangel, D-New York, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee that has jurisdiction over Medicare spending, along with the Energy and Commerce Committee. Rangel opposes addressing the issue in the farm bill.


But there is strong support in the Senate side for the proposal from Sens. Max Baucus, Finance Committee chairman and Chuck Grassley, the committee's top Republican. Grassley has had ongoing probes into physician owned and community hospitals, questioning whether they hurt other hospitals and fail to provide emergency care or to serve lower income patients. Baucus and Grassley are key negotiators on the farm bill conference committee.

"There's an important public interest in curbing the ability of doctors to self-deal and create conflicts of interest that may jeopardize patient care," Grassley said in a statement.

Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee, has offered bills in previous congressional sessions to place limits on physician hospitals.


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Superbugs problem for parents

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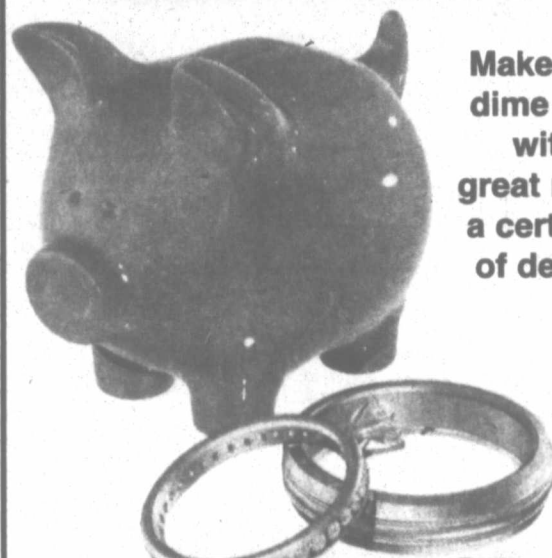
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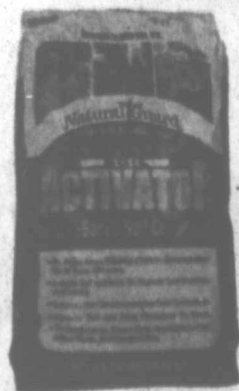
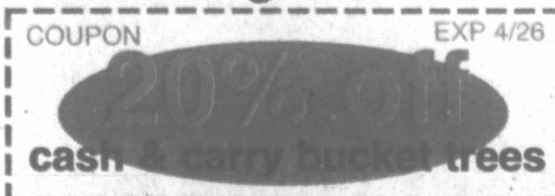
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