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Community asked to help Vietnam vet

by Julie Ann Thompson
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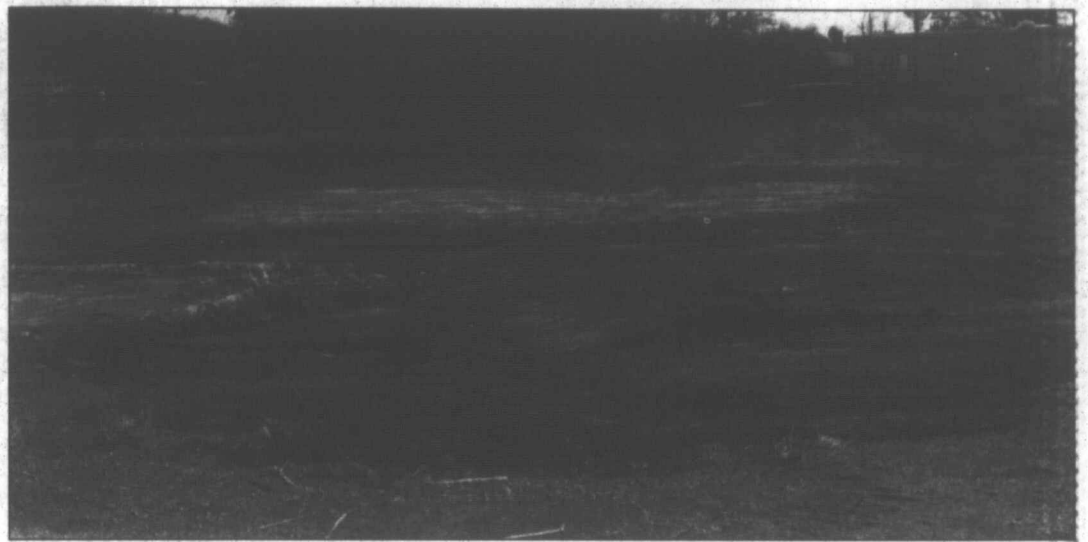
A decorated Vietnam war veteran was taken to the hospital recently after Animal Control was called to pick up the man's dog. The man's living conditions were such that those involved are now fighting to provide him with a new home.

"This man was living in total filth," said Lt. Stephanie Raymond of Pampa Police Department. "I've done this for 20 years and I've never seen anything like what he was living in. As a society and as a community we have failed him.

He did his part for us and now we need to do our part for him."

Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns was one of the first on the scene and believed upon arrival that the man was deceased.

"Adult Protective Services was contacted first because there hadn't been any activity there and they called us because they thought he had a mean dog," Burns said. "So I peeked through the window and saw the man lying on his bed, motionless, and I really



A decorated war veteran's trailer was cleared off of his lot recently due to unsanitary living conditions. Efforts are currently underway to provide him with a new home.

thought he was dead." The man had not moved after several loud attempts to

awaken him. His dog, a female heeler/lab cross, was lying by his head.

staff photo/J.A. Thompson
 "I went around the door
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Pampa Kiwanis recently honored Sgt. Donny Brown, left, of Pampa Police Department, and Jerry Brock, far right, of Pampa Fire Department, as "Police Officer of the Year" and "Firefighter of the Year," respectively. John Warner, of the local Kiwanis Club, is pictured at center.

Brown, Brock honored by Pampa Kiwanis

by Kerri Smith
 The Pampa News

"Firefighter of the Year" by the Pampa Kiwanis Club.

Sgt. Donny Brown has been named "Police Officer of the Year" and Equipment Operator Jerry Brock has been named

The organization recognizes the outstanding service of two local individuals each

See Kiwanis, Page 3

Police nab suspect in closet

by Marilyn Powers
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A call reporting a suspicious vehicle turned into an arrest for sexual assault of a child Tuesday evening for Gray County Sheriff's deputies.

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, deputies were dispatched to the 12000 block of County Road D concerning a suspicious vehicle, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

A deputy found the vehicle, and while he was checking the area, a woman came out of a house across the road from where the vehicle was parked. She told the deputy a man was in her house in a closet.

"This person apparently had had sex with a 14-year-old girl in the house," Hoard said. The 14-year-old was the woman's daughter, he said.

The deputy entered the house, found the man and arrested him. Alfred David Wiles, 19, of Pampa was booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

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Board approves two water wells for Pickens' ranch

by David Bowser
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WHITE DEER — Boone Pickens is drilling two more wells on his ranch north of Pampa for stock, fish and wildlife purposes.

The Panhandle Groundwater

Conservation District approved the well drilling permits during its meeting here Wednesday. One is for a 14-inch well approximately three miles west of Texas Highway 70, primarily for wildlife water.

Austin consultant Bob Harden told the groundwater district board

of directors that Pickens had a pipe system to water quail habitat and maintain the landscaping of trees and ponds that he's building on his ranch.

"He has some large landscape areas," Harden said.

The second well is an eight-inch

test well on the east side of Texas Highway 70 that will tap the top 150 feet of a 300-foot thick water formation. It, too, will be used for irrigation, stock, fish and wildlife.




The board denied a request by

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Friday: Sunny, with a high near 86. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

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DA offers plea bargain to mayor

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A plea bargain contingent on not running for re-election was offered to Mayor Will Armstrong in connection to his felony indictments on misuse of official information and criminal conspiracy. Armstrong's attorney, Wayne Meissner, said he received the offer from District Attorney Stephen Tyler in writing on Sept. 9 but would not discuss the details of the plea bargain. "This smacks of political blackmail and is absolutely unacceptable and certainly un-American," Mayor Will Armstrong said in a statement, the Victoria Advocate reported in its Thursday edition.

He and Police Chief Bruce Ure, Lt. Ralph Buentello and former city attorney David Smith are accused of conspiring to leak details of former Victoria County Sheriff Michael Ratcliff's sex assault investigation. Ratcliff was accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy. Ure and Smith were indicted on charges alleging they tampered with the investigation by leaking information about it to a local reporter. They are accused of four felonies: misuse of official information, aggravated perjury, tampering with a witness and criminal conspiracy. Both were also indicted on official oppression, a misdemeanor.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

FRAZIER, James R. — 3:30 p.m., Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Worth.
HASSLER, Becky — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

James R. Frazier, 81

FORT WORTH — James R. Frazier, 81, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008. Funeral services are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Greenwood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Ross Cemetery at Baird. Visitation will be from 6 to 8

p.m. Thursday at Greenwood Funeral Home. James was born Sept. 27, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio. He was a chemical engineer at Celanese Chemical Corp.



Frazier

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp and the U.S. Navy during World War II. Survivors include a son, Alan Scott Frazier and wife, Jacqueline, of

Flower Mound; a daughter, Coye Sue Warren and husband, Jay Hoth; grandchildren, Alexander and Adam Frazier, Jamie Anderson and Farah McNabb; and two great-grandchildren.

Becky Hassler, 53

SKELLYTOWN, Texas — Becky Hassler, 53, of Skellytown, died Sept. 21, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Danny Trussell, of the River of Life Assembly of God, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Hassler was born Dec. 12, 1954, in Torrance, Calif. She married Tom Hassler on Sept. 25, 1986, in Hutchinson County. She had been a resident of Skellytown for the



Hassler

past 25 years. Becky was a member of the River of Life Assembly of God where she was active in the children's ministry. Survivors include her husband, Tom Hassler, of the home; two daughters, Tasha

Clements and Stacy Sanchez, both of Skellytown; and six grandchildren, Brittney Hassler, Julie Sanchez, Destiny Sanchez, Kyale Hassler, Antonio Sanchez and Donte Brown.

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Sept. 23

William Roger Klink, 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Starkweather by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Alfred David Wiles, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for sexual assault of a child.

Matthew Chico Jeffries, 19, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for theft of proper-

ty over \$500 and under \$1,500 and a probation violation for assault causing bodily injury.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Joshua Lee Knoop, 19, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets by Pampa PD for criminal trespass.

Edward Jennings White, 31, of Midlothian was arrested in the 1800 block of Duncan by Pampa PD on six capias pro fines.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Brad Lynn Ivey, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Cook by Pampa PD on capias pro fines for no

insurance, expired motor vehicle registration, expired motor vehicle inspection and no valid driver's license.

Alan Wesley Layton, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of East Frederic by Pampa PD on a capias pro fine for no seat belt-driver.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Sept. 24

1:26 p.m. — Five units and six personnel responded to a structure fire in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

3:54 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to an odor investigation in the 600 block of Red Deer.

4:42 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to an odor investigation in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Veteran

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with my catchpole to try and get the dog and decided that I'd try one more time to arouse him, just in case," Burns said. "I poked him with my catchpole and he sat right up."

The man told Burns that he couldn't walk and had been unable to move for more than 48 hours. The trailer home he'd been living in was surrounded with trash and debris. He had no water, no heating or air conditioning, and had fashioned a makeshift toilet out of a bucket and trash bags. What the man called his "stew-pot" was filled with old food and roaches and he admitted that he hadn't eaten in days.

On Tuesday the city went to the lot, located on Frederic street, and cleared it off.

"He has no family and we were told by the Veteran's Administration that his paperwork had been lost. He's getting some medical benefits, but when he gets out of the hospital he's got no place to go," Raymond said. "This is a very humble, very proud man. He was a perfect gentleman and cooperated with us in every way. All he asked for was a shower. He's just fallen through the cracks. As a community and as Christians we need to take care of him."

Burns has seen to it that the man's dog has gotten all of her necessary shots and has agreed to keep her until the man is in a stable situation. Efforts are underway to get a new living facil-

ity put on the man's lot, which was left to him by his parents. Habitat for Humanity was contacted, but because the man owns the lot on which he was living, he is ineligible.

"This is a real opportunity for us to pull together as a community and take care of someone that never should have been allowed to live like this in the first place," Burns said. "Anything anyone can do would be helpful. If they can hammer a nail or sling a paint brush, you know, anything."

For those wishing to contribute, a donation fund has been set up at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, under the title "The Charlie Account." For more information on how to help, contact Raymond at Pampa Police Department, 669-5700.

Arrest

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He was released Wednesday on \$7,500 bond, according to jail records. The suspicious vehicle which was reported to the sheriff's office and which was found parked across the road from the home where the assault occurred was driven by Wiles, Hoard said.

"The case is still under investigation," he said.

Kiwanis

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year in commemoration of the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2003 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City.

The selections this year were based upon the recommendations of Pampa Police Chief Logan Stout and Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell.

At a recent lunchtime meeting, Kiwanis member John Warner presented plaques to Brown and Brock "in honor of their selfless hours of public service to the residents of Pampa."

According to Chief Stout, Sgt. Brown's nomination was based upon his integral part in helping the depart-

ment achieve "Recognized" status last month. Pampa's Police Department is only the sixth agency in Texas to achieve this status, which requires a department to comply with 150 "Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement."

"While all officers at the police department had to do their part in this process, Sgt. Brown had the pressure and responsibility of completing deadlines and keeping accurate documented files," Stout said. "He did so many day-to-day assignments in making sure our police department was within the required guidelines."

Stout added that Brown has done an "outstanding job especially over the past year, but also during the last 20 years that he's been with the Pampa Police Department."

Chief Powell said her nomination of Brock was due to his effort to "go beyond the required tasks of the Pampa Fire Department."

"Jerry personally makes repairs on pumps, lights, sirens and alarms on the trucks which save taxpayers the cost of having it done commercially," Powell said. "He has taken more continuing education classes than are required, he teaches hazmat classes and also rescue and vehicle extrication classes, and he is currently studying to become a Fire Officer No. 1, which involves a lot of planning, tactics and strategies in fighting fires."

Fellow firefighters described Brock as "enthusiastic" and "having great initiative." They also said that sometimes he overdoes his

job. In May, he was injured while fighting a large fire and had to be ordered off of the fire path by his captain. He was later transported to the hospital for treatment.

Brock has been a Pampa firefighter since Dec. 31, 2001.

Kiwanis President Pat Bagley said that he thinks the men and women of the police and fire departments really represent this community very well.

"The residents of Pampa have every reason to be proud of the Pampa police and fire departments," Bagley said. "They not only serve and protect the residents, but they are also active participants in this community as well."

We are very lucky and proud to have all of them."

Water

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ranchers Jay O'Brien and Andrew Bivins to have their properties near McLean removed from district water monitoring programs.

Those properties are in a study area south and east of McLean. The properties were first designated study areas, areas that had shown an abnormal amount of decline in the water table, last year. This year, however, that decline had shifted to the west.

O'Brien told the board that two of three wells cited in their data had shown increases in water levels, a fact confirmed by the district's hydrologist. O'Brien also questioned the validity of some of the district's other data.

Power outage prompts airport evacuation

AUSTIN (AP) — The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was evacuated when two circuits failed, causing a power outage.

Austin Energy spokesman Ed Clark said power went out Wednesday around 10 p.m. in the tower, terminal and the parking area. Clark told Austin television station KXAN equipment malfunctioned at an Austin Energy substation. The Austin American Statesman reported Clark said the areas without power were lighted by backup generators.

Airport spokesman Jim Halbrook said the airfield remained lighted and planes were allowed to land but people had to remain on their aircraft. Passengers were allowed to exit from four planes on the runway shortly after the power returned about 11:15 p.m. All outbound flights had ended before the power failure.

Officials said Austin Energy crews would immediately replace the damaged equipment.

Austin Fire Department Lt. David Belknap said no fire was detected.

O'Brien and McLean Feedyard manager Laphe LaRoe told the board that they feared the properties inclusion in a study area would lead in the next few years to a change of status to a conservation where the district could limit the amount of water they pumped.

After an extended debate, the board agreed to have the staff revisit the issue and gather more information. The board proposed to shrink the study area from 29 square miles to nine square miles at their next meeting if a review of the data justified such a decision.

"That's reasonable," O'Brien said.

The board voted to retain the study area designation on five other study areas in the district. They also voted to downgrade a conservation area to a study area.

The water district board tabled a decision concerning a secondary recovery proposal in Carson County north of Skellytown by WO Operating because no well drilling application had been filed. The staff noted that at least one well had been

drilled, but a hearing would have to be held before any permit could be issued.

The board extended a drilling permit for a six-inch well in Wheeler County because of a change in drilling contractors.

The water district's board of directors approved permits for one-inch domestic wells for the Mays Group in Potter County, H&H Plumbing in Potter County, Mark Koster in Potter County, James and Aidha Gitchell in Potter County, Begis and Evangelina Kopeck in Potter County, Clayton Beagle in Wheeler County and Steve and Elaine Quandt in Wheeler County.

The board also approved bids on one tax delinquent property in Donley County and two properties in Carson County.

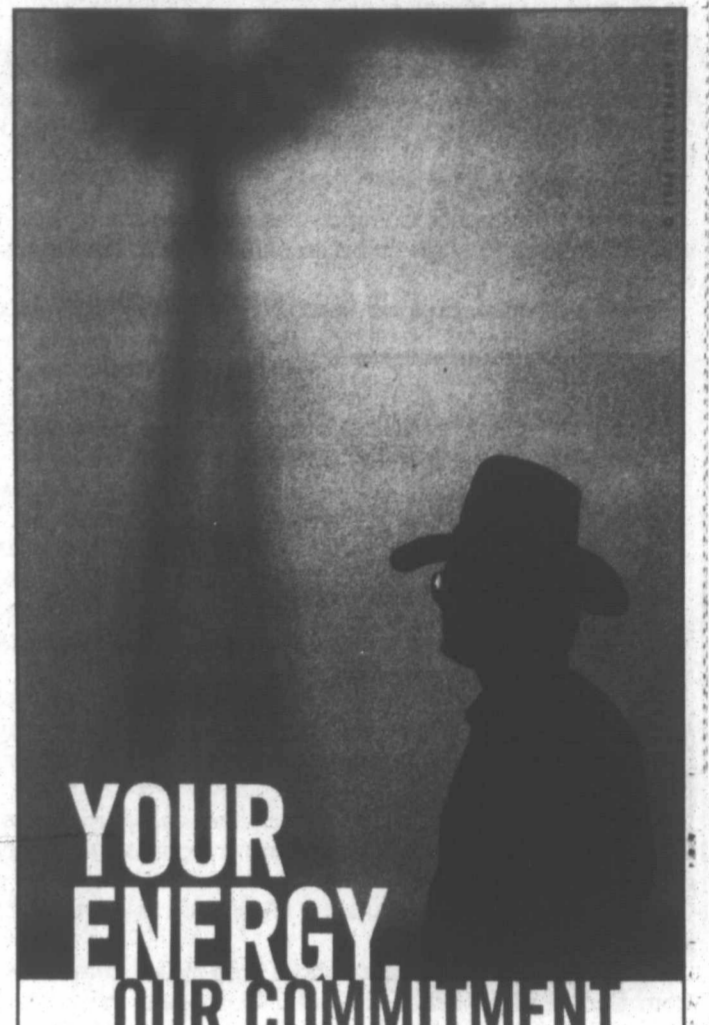
Clifford W. Fraser bought the property in Nocona Hills in Donley County for \$545.

Dennis Cook of Borger bought the property at 812 Chamberlain in Skellytown for \$750.

Marg and Randy Ruth of Skellytown bought the property at 802 Chamberlain in Skellytown for \$1,000.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2008. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

On this date:

In 1493, Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, with a flotilla of 17 ships on his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

'History is too serious to be left to historians.'

— Iain Macleod
British politician
(1913-1970)

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, *Public Occurrences*, published its first — and last — edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.

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In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a Manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.

In 1919, President Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.

In 1957, nine black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Georges raked the Florida Keys with sheets of rain and 105 mph winds, but spared Florida the kind of devastation seen across the Caribbean. Mark McGwire hit his 66th home run, just 45 minutes after Sammy Sosa hit his 66th homer of the season.

Five years ago: France reported a staggering death toll of 14,802 from the summer heat wave. An Islamic court in Nigeria overturned the conviction of an illiterate mother sentenced to be stoned to death for having sex out of wedlock. Aquila al-Hashimi of the Iraqi Governing Council died five days after being shot by assailants. Fifteen people died in a nursing home fire in Nashville, Tenn. Author, journalist and editor George Plimpton died in New York at age 76. Nobel-winning economist Franco Modigliani died in Cambridge, Mass., at age 85.

One year ago: Warren Jeffs, the leader of a polygamous Mormon splinter group, was convicted in St. George, Utah, of being an accomplice to rape for performing a wedding between a 19-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl. (Jeffs was later sentenced to two consecutive terms of five years to life in prison.)

Autumn a vacationer's dream

I love fall which is a good thing because I usually end up taking my vacations in September or October. One recent autumn, my family visited a maze in a field near Clarendon.

It was HUGE fun. I so would love to do that again. Options abound for vacationing in the fall. According to an electronic news release from the nonprofit Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, autumn offers a variety of "rail-trails" to discover right here in America.

The following information is lifted verbatim from the Rails-to-Trails e-news release:

"1. Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail, Vermont

"One surefire recommendation for early-season peepers — often ready by early September, in fact — is the 26-mile Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail in northern Vermont, nearly touching the Canadian border. This gentle, crushed-limestone pathway begins in St. Albans and winds through rolling hills and dairy farmland, general-

ly following the Missisquoi River. Daytime temperatures should still be comfortable (nights quite a bit chillier), and the autumn landscape radiates color and wildlife. Careful moose-seekers, as well, can hope for an extra batch of good fortune.

Skyla Bryant

Lifestyles Editor

"2. Paul Bunyan Trail, Minnesota

"Farther west, northern Minnesota usually reaches its autumn heyday between late September and early October. One great stretch for the adventurous is the burly, 110-mile Paul Bunyan Trail, which simply screams of tall trees and thick leaves. The pathway offers an at-times rugged route — partly paved, partly ballast — suited for hikers and mountain bikers, and the foliage views are as epic as the trail's lumberjack namesake. You'll pass the shorelines of 21 lakes, through deep forests and welcoming communities like

Hackensack and Bemidji.

"3. North Central State Trail, Michigan

"From late September through mid-October, the newly minted, 62-mile North Central State Trail in northern Michigan offers an arresting backdrop for fall — and on

more than one canvas. More than 10 miles of the pathway, heading north from Indian River (a good base for trip accommodations) toward Cheboygan and Mackinaw City, streak along Mullet Lake, where birch and maples pop firecracker yellow and glow red and orange like coals in a campfire through mid- to late October.

"4. Hudson Valley Rail Trail, New York

"New York's paved Hudson Valley Rail Trail is about 100 miles due north of New York City, and is well worth a stroll for anyone

eager to feel wash in golden leaves. At just over two miles long, the Hudson offers an easygoing trip from Highland to Lloyd, where the woods begin to glow by mid- to late October. Wide, richly forested and offering access to the Black River, the popular pathway bathes visitors in dramatic waves of foliage.

"5. Virginia Creeper Trail, Virginia

"Farther south begins the 34-mile Virginia Creeper Trail, a dirt and asphalt journey from Abingdon through Damascus and Whitetop, just above the North Carolina border. The trail's dense forests, sleepy hills, long trestles, pockets of pastureland, grazing cattle and inviting communities will make for a memorable and photogenic ride. You can expect a corridor well-outfitted with amenities, making it convenient for destination travel and rentals. You can also arrange for a shuttle from Abingdon to Whitetop

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CRM helps generate happy customers

Computers have become useful tools in just about every industry imaginable. From manufacturing to professional services, hardware and software tools have enabled businesses to focus more on their specialties instead of the non-revenue-generating activities.

For example, take Customer relationship management (CRM). Until a few years ago, this process was wholly unknown or lumped in with "customer service." However, in today's ultra-competitive market, keeping up with your customers and their needs is critical. When you only have three or four customers, this task is quite easy. However, as your business grows, you will need to make sure EVERY customer's special needs are handled in a timely manner.

When choosing CRM software, be sure and look for these specific features:

— Advanced Contact Management

True salespeople know that Microsoft Outlook is simply too shallow to serve

as a company's primary customer database. A successful salesman needs to track more than just name, address and phone number. Good CRM software allows you to record every important meeting, call and e-mail message with that customer.

— Reminder System
Gone are the days of using a little string around my finger to remember important meetings. Find a product that has a built-in reminder or alarm system. If I tell a client I will call them back next week, the system should remind me to do just that.

— Multi-User Access
As your company and employee base grow, the value of your customer databases increases. And so does the need for more people to access them. Make sure that your CRM software can scale easily into a multi-user

system.

— The Players
Many vendors offer CRM solutions in this growing product niche. However, two stand above the rest (at least for small to medium-sized businesses): Goldmine and ACT!

Goldmine (http://www.goldmine.com) offers a wealth of features and a unique tabbed interface, giving you quick and easy access to any piece of client information. In addition, you can easily create your own fields for tracking business-specific information. Templates for mail-merge are abundant, but you can create your own letters and labels fairly easily. Goldmine did very well in my multi-user tests. Even with a large database, performance was little affected by the addition of simultaneous users.

ACT! (http://www.act.com) is a worthy competitor, though. Produced by Best Software, this product has been out longer and controls a larger marketshare than Goldmine. While much of the functionality mirrors that of its competitor, ACT! does offer some additional features. For instance, remote synchronization can occur via e-mail and does not require direct access into your server from the Internet. (No more putting holes in your firewall to give your salespeople access to sensitive information!)

After reviewing both Goldmine and ACT!, I tend to lean toward recommending ACT!. It's tighter integration with Outlook allows easier information-binding (calendar, contacts and e-mail messages) with the database.

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On the lighter side of selling, I recently discovered a unique service that fits perfectly with any CRM

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CENTRAL BAIL BONDS

Kenneth Knowles owner

Area Manager Larry Ingram

Central Bail Bonds is a privately owned company providing bail bonds service for the Panhandle, North Central and West Texas area. Owner Kenneth Knowles founded the company in 1978.

Larry Ingram has been the area manager for the Pampa area since August 1997. The Pampa office covers 9 counties, which include Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray and Wheeler. On average, Larry drives over 50K miles yearly. Barbara Brogdon, secretary/agent since November 1999 and Kelly Beesley, secretary/Agent since September 2007 handle the paperwork and backup for Larry. Together they make a great team to serve all your bail bond needs.

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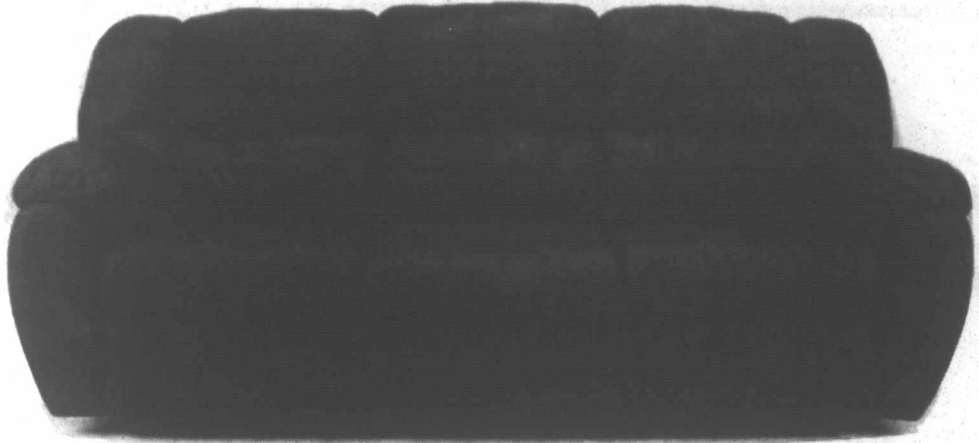
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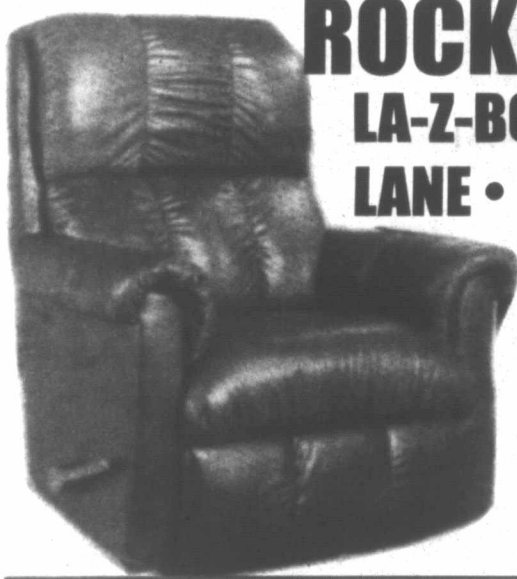


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SOUTH AFRICA

ANC rift shadows vote for new president

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The man elected South Africa's third president since the end of white rule is an anti-apartheid activist and former trade unionist who takes over in a time tense with fears of political and economic crisis.

The deeply divided African National Congress forced President Thabo Mbeki to resign last weekend after he lost a power struggle to the party's corruption-tainted leader, Jacob Zuma.

The South African Parliament, which elects the president from among its members and is dominated by the African National Congress, favored ANC-nominee Kgalema Motlanthe with 269 votes to 50 for the main opposition party's nominee.

The ANC says Motlanthe, 59, will be a caretaker until elections next year should make Zuma president.

But if Zuma were convicted of corruption or himself becomes a victim of the party's widening rift, Motlanthe — with his measured, almost ponderous style — could be the man who would rule South Africa beyond 2009.

Long seen as a possible compromise presidential candidate, Motlanthe is praised as a unifier and conciliator, skills he will need as his party faces the worst crisis in its nearly century-old history.

Supporters of Mbeki are threatening to split the ANC and form an opposition party, a move that could take votes away from the ANC and challenge the monolithic hold on power that the party has enjoyed since it brought down a racist white government and won democratic elections 14 years ago.

Motlanthe is one of the few figures in

the ANC leadership to have weathered the past year's vicious political battle. He has friends in the camps of both Zuma and Mbeki, though he has remained loyal to Zuma.

He was born in Johannesburg in 1949. He remains an intensely private figure about whom little personal is known. The bespectacled leader is unmarried and has three children. This year, he shaved away a signature white Lenin-style beard.

The young Motlanthe was influenced by the Black Consciousness Movement of assassinated leader Steve Biko. Motlanthe became involved in organizing the kind of student protests and school boycotts that led to the Soweto Uprising of 1976. For that, he was jailed for 11 months that year.

He came out of prison determined to fight even harder and joined the then-banned underground movement of the ANC. The following year he was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, which he served on Robben Island at the same time as Nelson Mandela and Zuma.

On his release he joined the National Union of Mineworkers, still South Africa's most powerful labor organization, and honed his political skills as he soared through the ranks to become secretary-general in 1992.

"Under his leadership the union went from strength to strength," union spokesman Lesiba Seshoka has said. "He demonstrated himself to be in touch with the people. We don't have the slightest doubt about his leadership quality."

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Events calendar

- **The 55-plus Club in Panhandle** is preparing a pre-Homecoming game dinner at 5 p.m. Sept. 26 in the school cafeteria. Many classes with years ending in three or eight will be celebrating reunions during the weekend. Carson County Square House Museum will open a Country Store at 9 a.m. Sept. 27. The store will offer baked goods, crafts, canned produce and other items. Barbecue will be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Other festivities will be held in conjunction with Museum Day on Saturday.
- **Copper Breaks State Park** will conduct its next Sun Fun and StarWalk® beginning at 3:45 p.m. Sept. 27 at the park. Sun Fun will offer views to the public of Earth's star, the Sun. StarWalk will get under way at 8 p.m. in the Big Pond Campground. For more information, call (940) 8399-4331.
- **"Pampa Community Concert Association, Presents Live on Stage"** will present Cirque Voila! at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-3362.
- **Institute for Natural Resources** will present a seminar for health care professionals worth six credit hours Oct. 2 at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock and Oct. 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. "Chronic Pain" will be presented by instructor S. Thomas Deahl II, D.M.D., Ph.D. The pre-registration fee is \$82. The seminar will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at both locations. For more information or to register, call 1-800-937-6878.
- **Pampa Lions Club** will host a tailgate picnic from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Pampa High School

between McNeely Fieldhouse and the tennis courts. Participants are advised to bring lawn chairs or quilts. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. For ticket information, call 665-0921, 665-2323 or 669-2525.

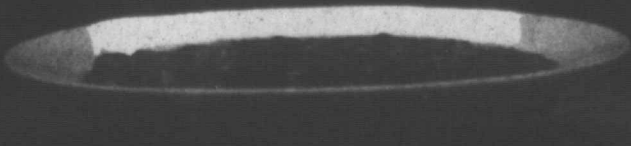
• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will host a MIP alcohol awareness program from 6-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in room 209 of the campus. The class fee is \$45 and is limited to the first 25 students. Attendance is required at both classes to receive credit. The class is to be taught by Dennis Burton, Texas Department of State Health Service, and covers the following topics: Possession, consumption, DUI, public intoxication, purchase of alcohol and misrepresentation. For more information, call (806) 898-5300.

• **Amarillo Genealogical Society** will hold its annual fall seminar from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 4 at Ascension Academy in Amarillo. The featured speaker will be Patricia Law Hatcher. Hatcher is one of 50 Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists, is editor of two genealogy magazines and has authored several books on genealogy. Admission is \$20 prior to Oct. 1, and \$25 after and at the door. The fee may be mailed in advance to Amarillo Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2171, Amarillo, TX 79189. Door prizes will be awarded. The seminar will also feature a mobile genealogical book store and a "get to know the speaker dinner" on Oct. 3. Participants must RSVP for the meal by Sept. 19 by calling (806) 359-5038 or (806) 353-7988. For more information, call (806) 359-5038 or (806) 353-7988.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is bringing a \$700 billion rescue of Wall Street as Democrats and Republicans near agreement on a bailout plan with more protections for taxpayers and new help for distressed homeowners. Senior lawmakers and Bush administration officials have cleared away key obstacles to a deal on the unprecedented rescue, agreeing to include widely supported limits on pay packages for executives whose companies

benefit. They're still wrangling over major elements, including how to phase in the eye-popping cost — a measure demanded by Democrats and some Republicans who want stronger congressional control over the bailout — without spooking markets. A plan to let the government take an ownership stake in troubled companies as part of the rescue, rather than just buying bad debt, also was under intense negotiation. A bipartisan meeting was set for Thursday to begin drafting a compromise, which top Democrats said they hoped could pass within days. The core of the plan envisions the government buying up sour assets of shaky financial firms in a bid to keep them from going under and to stave off a potentially severe recession. Even as political figures haggled over the shape and price of the bailout, new economic indicators showed that orders for big-ticket manufactured goods plunged in August by the largest amount in seven months and that new applications for unemployment benefits were at their highest level in seven years. And new home sales tumbled in August to the slowest pace in 17 years, while the average sales price fell by the largest amount on record. It served to further dramatize the problem that Washington is trying to solve.

United Way Epilepsy association connects clients with resources

The following article was provided by High Plains Epilepsy Association and is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information was submitted by Pampa United Way as part of its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up" fund-raising campaign.

As each of you sits here today reading this article, the folks at the High Plains Epilepsy Association would like to encourage you to think about some of the things each of us take for granted.

Most of you got up this morning, got dressed and then drove yourself to work. Driving a car is something most of us take for granted.

The ability to operate a car gives us some sense of control over our lives. Imagine that one day you woke up and lost that control. That is exactly what happened to one of the association's clients.

Martin was a truck driver. He loved driving. He and his wife had only been married for a few years, and they had just had a baby. One day while Martin was working, he had an accident.

He was not seriously injured, but because of the accident he began having seizures. Because he was

having seizures, he lost his driver's license. Without a driver's license, he could no longer drive a truck.

The seizures continued. He saw a neurologist, and he took his medication, but sometimes with epilepsy the first medication is not always effective.

The doctor tried other medica-



tions and combinations of medications. The process of trying to determine what medication will work best can sometimes take years.

Martin's wife felt that this was more than she bargained for. Martin was having 30 to 40 seizures a month. He was not able to work, and she did not feel she could take care of him and their son. She left and took their son with her to another state.

Martin moved in with his parents. After a few months, his parents

asked him to leave. The severity of his seizures frightened them, and they did not want the responsibility of caring for him.

With winter fast approaching, Martin found himself homeless. Not only was he homeless, he had no way to pay for his medication or doctor's visits. HPEA was able to assist Martin by purchasing his medication and paying for his doctor's visits. The social worker for HPEA networked with other United Way agencies to obtain food, clothing and temporary shelter for Martin.

Because of your generosity to the United Way, Martin is a success story. He is living in a small apartment. He is still not able to work, but he hopes to be able to one day when his seizures are under control.

Martin is currently have about 10- to 12-seizures a month. He is working with his neurologist to find the right combination of medication for him. As winter approaches again, his is appreciative that he will not have to worry about a roof over his head or something warm to eat.

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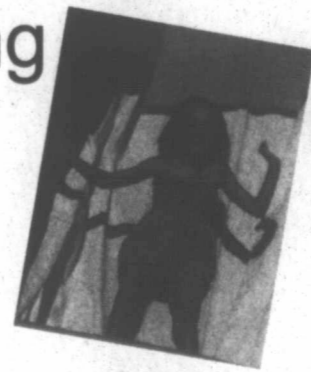
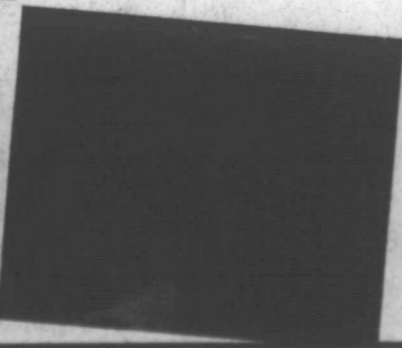
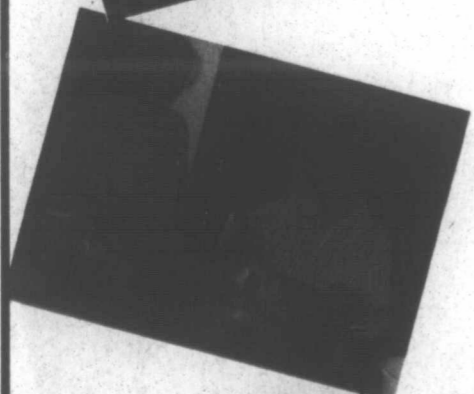
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Kidnapped Mo. boy gives interview

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Missouri teenager who was kidnapped and held for four years said he figured his days were numbered when his abductor decided to take another boy, according to transcripts from a television interview released Wednesday to The Associated Press.

Shawn Hornbeck, now 17, and his parents recounted their story during an interview with CBS News' "48 Hours Mystery," in which he discusses details of his captivity for the first time.

"The days got slimmer," he said. "Cause it's a replacement. When you get a new car, what do you do with the old one? You usually get rid of it, right?"

Shawn was 11 when he was kidnapped by Michael Devlin in 2002 near his home in Washington County, Mo. He and Ben Ownby, another kidnapped boy, were

found in the suburban St. Louis apartment of Michael Devlin, who is now serving life sentences in prison for kidnapping and abusing the boys.

But Shawn said death didn't

scare

him. Shawn was taken while riding a bike to a friend's house in October 2002.

"From day one, he had the gun. He had the power," Shawn said. "The thing that

Over time, Shawn was given more freedoms, including time outside and being allowed to make friends.

During the interviews, CBS' Troy Roberts said Shawn's parents, Craig and Pam Akers, had requested that he not ask Shawn why he did not seek rescue by telling someone about his abduction.

His mother said she doesn't think Shawn is ready to talk about it. And his stepfather, Craig Akers, said it's not worth putting Shawn through any more guilt to satisfy people's curiosity.

Shawn said that he still hasn't told his parents everything about what happened, and that he also worries about being misunderstood.

"Is that to protect them?" Roberts asked.

"In some ways, yeah," Shawn said. "Then, in other ways, I'm just not ready."

Ben Ownby, now 14, was kidnapped while getting off his school bus in Franklin County. His 15-year-old neighbor was able to describe Devlin's white pickup truck, the key detail that led to the former pizza manager's arrest.

Ben said he is adjusting to life in high school, where he is a freshman.

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The show also includes an interview with Ben Ownby, who was 13 when Devlin abducted him in January 2007. Both boys were found four days after Ben's abduc-

sticks out the most is, he said, "You were just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Not a day went by that he didn't think Devlin would kill him, he said.

Investigators have said Devlin subjected Shawn to a particularly intense month of abuse at the start of his captivity, tying the boy to a futon and duct-taping his mouth.

"I'm not gonna lie; there was times when it seemed like I was better off dead than living through" the captivity, Shawn said.

Devlin had said he would kill Shawn if he ever tried to run, a threat Shawn's family has called a "deal with the devil."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My heart goes out to "New Father in North Carolina" (July 10), who was asked to baby-sit a 14-year-old boy and now has legal custody of him. A long time ago, a baby was abandoned and left in my care. I made the commitment and the sacrifices, and reaped rewards along the way. I'm proud of the fine person my daughter has become and the way she respects me. Please allow me to share some advice with "New Father" based on my experiences.

— Ask people for help. Be open about the difficulties you encounter, while maintaining good humor. It will give others an opportunity to volunteer for particular things.

— Live your values. My own father never failed to correct himself when he learned he was wrong. He never lied, cheated or took unfair advantage. I'm grateful for the examples he set.

— Above all, listen. Don't shrug things off just because they might not loom large in your own mind. Find out why they matter to your son. He needs to know he'll be treated with respect even if he says something "stupid." Assure him that mistakes don't equal stupidity and that learning to correct mistakes sensibly is one of the most important lessons in life.

I hope these suggestions will be useful to "New Father." Although we have never met, this gentleman is lodged permanently in my heart. — **PROUD FATHER IN LAS CRUCES**

DEAR PROUD FATHER: How kind of you to share your insights. Many caring readers were also inspired to pass along helpful resources that should benefit "New Father." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell that man to call 2-1-1. This free service offers information and referrals, and they will be able to guide him to agencies that may help him obtain furniture, etc. The 2-1-1 service is avail-

able in about 70 percent of the United States. It's free and confidential. For more information, visit www.211.org. — **CINDY IN JAMESTOWN, N.Y.**

DEAR ABBY: Freecycle (www.freecycle.org) is a great online group of people who give and take instead of throwing things out. If "New Father" signs up and sends an e-mail of items he needs, there's a good chance someone will respond to his request. Good luck! — **J.C. IN NEWINGTON, CONN.**

DEAR ABBY: Please point "New Father" toward www.craigslist.org. People advertise and sell everything there. It's the world's largest garage sale. They also have a "free stuff" section. You'd be amazed at the things people give away — as long as someone can pick the items up. — **IN OUR PRAYERS IN PHOENIX**

DEAR ABBY: Please suggest that "New Father" visit his county's Smart Start office for parenting skills info. I'm a board member of this organization, which offers a wide range of services from which he can benefit. Also, he should ask about food stamps and child care subsidy at his local Department of Social Services. His social worker can probably guide him to sources of assistance in housing costs. And the local crisis center may be able to assist him with household needs. — **CAROLYN IN CLINTON, N.C.**

DEAR ABBY: Many churches have outreach programs that offer services which can include counseling, as well as assistance with food, clothing and furniture. In addition, churches often have members who are doctors, social workers, repairmen, etc. who might be willing to donate their services. Bless "New Father" for what he is doing. — **ALSO NEW PARENTS IN KENTUCKY**

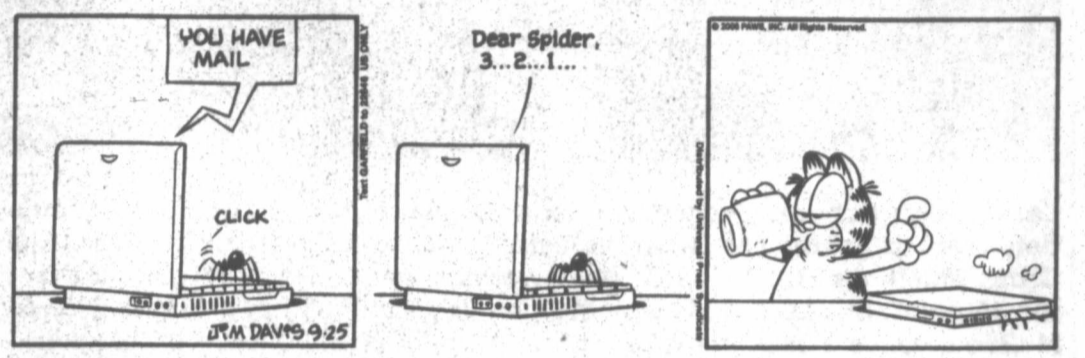
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 20 Single-entrance st.
- 23 Classroom need
- 25 Neighbor of Turkey
- 26 Maugham novel
- 28 Suit to
- 29 Rock's — Brothers
- 30 "You betcha!"
- 31 Fast flier
- 32 Lot sight
- 33 Pre-euro Spanish coin
- 35 "Great!"
- 38 Prodded
- 41 Singer Chris
- 42 Game setting
- 43 Linger

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- 1 Old dance
- 2 Copying
- 3 Diet snacks
- 4 At any time
- 5 Beguiles
- 6 "Ivanhoe" author
- 7 Crow calls
- 8 Stocking mishap
- 9 Apply
- 10 Flowers' place
- 16 Holiday events
- 17 Wear down
- 18 Speak
- 20 Shore restaurant
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- 22 Derisive look
- 24 Spot
- 25 Altar
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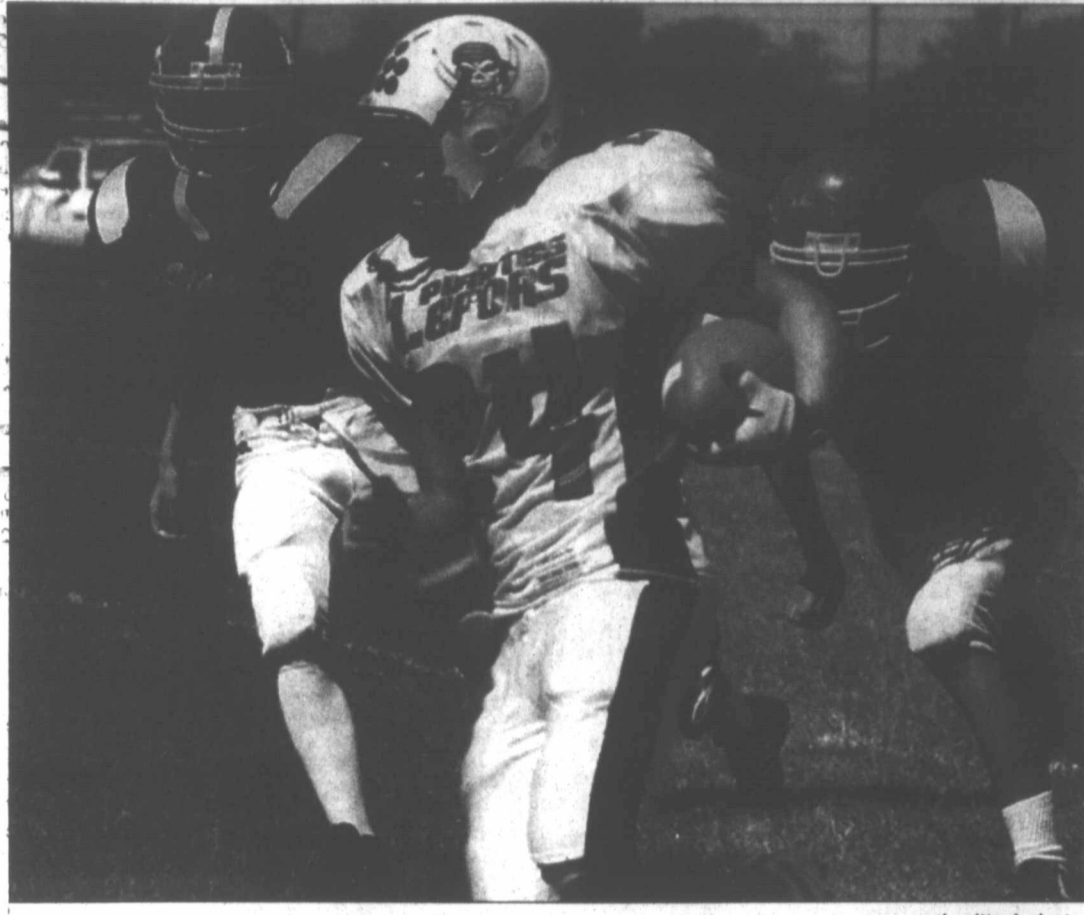
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Sports



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Lefors High School's Payton Johnson (above) eludes a couple of Mustang defenders to get the ball down the field. The Lefors Pirates defeated the Holy Cross Mustangs 76-28. Last Friday's game ended in the third quarter due to the 45-point rule. Lefors will visit McLean this coming Friday. Below, Brandon McBee catches a pass in the end zone for the final touchdown of the game.



FIG investigating China's 2000 team, too

A month after the Beijing Olympics ended, there is still no resolution to the age controversy surrounding China's gold medal gymnasts.

Eight years after the Sydney Games, international gymnastics officials have questions about that Chinese team, too.

The investigation into the eligibility of the Beijing squad has been expanded to include members of the 2000 team, which won the bronze medal in Sydney. The sports governing body is examining whether Yang Yun and Dong Fangxiao, in particular, were old enough to compete.

"If we had a look at all the articles that came before, during and after the games, there were always rumors about the ages of China's athletes in Sydney," Andre Gueisbuhler, secretary general of the International Gymnastics Federation, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"We did not have another choice," he said. "If we want to remain credible, then we have to look into things."

No other Chinese teams are being investigated, Gueisbuhler said.

"At this moment in time, we just have concerns about 2000 and 2008," he said.

The investigation is ongoing, a month after the Beijing Games ended, and there is no timetable for when it will be finished.

"It's a work in progress," said Emmanuelle Moreau, spokeswoman for the International Olympic Committee. "Until the work has been completed, there is nothing we can say."

Zhang Hongliang, a media officer for the Chinese

Gymnastics Center, which oversees the Chinese national team, said he did not know anything about an investigation into the Sydney athletes. The center would "promptly provide information" to the FIG, Zhang said.

Yang's age has long been an issue for debate.

In a June 2007 interview that aired on state broadcaster China Central Television, Yang said she was 14 at the Sydney Games.

Gymnastics rules require athletes to be 16 during an Olympic year in order to compete.

"At the time I was only 14," she said in the interview, done in Chinese. "I thought that if I failed this time, I'll do it again next time. There's still hope."

That interview, which has been widely reported, contradicts her official birthdate, which is listed as Dec. 2, 1984, and made her eligible for Sydney.

Yang said Thursday she had misspoken during the interview.

"Everyone has misspoken before. On television shows, there are always slips of the tongue," she said, declining to comment further.

Dong's birthdate is listed as Jan. 20, 1983, making her 17 at the time of the Sydney Games. Her blog, however, includes a reference to being born in 1985.

Yang is now engaged to Olympic all-around champion Yang Wei. Dong was a national technical official at the Beijing Olympics, serving as the secretary on vault. She was not part of any judging panel.

Kui Yuanyuan, Ling Jie, Liu Xuan and Huang

Mandan were the other members of China's 2000 squad.

Age falsification has been a problem in gymnastics since the 1980s, after the minimum age was raised from 14 to 15 in an effort to protect young athletes, whose bodies are still developing from serious injuries. Younger gymnasts are also thought to have an advantage because they are more flexible and are likely to have an easier time doing the toughest skills the sport requires. They also aren't as likely to have a fear of failure.

The minimum age was raised to its current 16 in 1997.

There were questions about the ages of China's Beijing squad months before the games, with media reports and online records suggesting several of the gymnasts on the six-woman squad might be as young as 14.

In August, The Associated Press found registration lists previously posted on the Web site of the General Administration of Sport of China that showed He Kexin and Yang Yilin were too young to compete. A Nov. 3 story by the Chinese government's news agency, Xinhua, suggested He was only 14.

But Chinese officials insisted — repeatedly and heatedly — that all of its gymnasts were old enough, and they had not cheated their way to their first Olympic team gold. The FIG and IOC hoped the matter had been put to rest before the games, when the IOC said it had checked all of the girls' passports and found them to be valid.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Revised Land and Resource Management Plan: Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico
AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA
ACTION: Notice of Initiation to revise the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as Grasslands Plan) for the Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle, and McClellan Creek National Grasslands. This notice describes the documents available for review and how to obtain them; summarizes the need to change the Grasslands Plan; provides information concerning public participation and collaboration, including the process for submitting comments; provides an estimated schedule for the planning process, including the time available for comments; and includes the names and addresses of agency officials who can provide additional information.
DATES: Revision formally begins with publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Many public comments regarding Forest Plan revision have already been received at public meetings and through e-mail, phone calls, and letters. Additional comments on the Comprehensive Evaluation Report (CER) should be submitted by October 31, 2008.
ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Sara Campney, Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113
Electronic mail address: scampney@fs.fed.us

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Website: http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/plan-revision/national_grasslands/index.shtml
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cibola National Forest Planner assistant, Sara Campney phone (505)346-3886 fax (505)346-3901
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Documents Available for Review: Three pre-revision documents are available for review on the Cibola National Forest plan revision website: the Socio-Economic Sustainability Report, the Ecological Sustainability Report, and the CER for the Kiowa, Rita Blanca, Black Kettle, and McClellan Creek National Grasslands. In addition, the final version of the Canadian River Potential Wilderness Area Evaluation (the Evaluation) will be available on the website in October (see website address above). Public meetings and a comment period for the Evaluation were held from October 2007 to February 2008. There will be another opportunity to comment on the Evaluation during the 90-day comment period that will follow the publication of the Proposed Plan.
Need for Change: The Grasslands Plan revision needs to:
- Better address the unique, local conditions and historic natural processes of each of the Grassland's ecosystems
- Include more adaptive management approaches for emerging vegetation issues, such as invasive plants, the effects of climate change, and managing wildland fire in a checkerboard land ownership pattern.
- Evaluate the at-risk species relationships to associated ecosystems on the Grasslands and determine the need for species man-

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agement direction
-Identify management strategies that address the recreation opportunities and challenges on the Grasslands and that support the sustainability of local communities.
-Identify areas of high scenic quality and development objectives based on the distinguishing features of the Grassland's scenery.
-Use the Travel Analysis Process to assist in developing the long-term goals and objectives that will guide future road designation and maintenance on the Grasslands for administrative and public purposes.
-Evaluate the suitability of the Canadian River Potential Wilderness Area (Mills Canyon) for a Wilderness designation and provide direction that protects the unique features of this area.
-Address the unique management considerations for existing special areas, including eligible Scenic Rivers, Historic Trails and Scenic Byways.
-Address the future impacts and suitability of renewable energy production on and around the Grasslands, particularly wind energy development.
-Provide management direction for oil and gas operations from the drilling and construction phase through site rehabilitation.
Public Participation and Opportunity to Comment: The public is invited to submit comments on the Comprehensive Evaluation Report in the address or electronic mail address listed in the beginning of this announcement. Comments should be submitted by October 31, 2008. Public meetings on the Draft Plan have not yet been scheduled. Only those parties who participate in the planning process through the submission of written comments can submit an objection later in the proposed plan development process pursuant to 36 CFR 219.13(a). Comments received during the planning process, including name and addresses of those who commented, will be part of the public record available for public inspection. The Responsible Official shall accept and consider comments submitted anonymously.
Estimated Schedule
September 2008 to March 2009-Prepare Proposed Plan
April 2009-Begin collaboration with the public to refine the Proposed Plan
October 2009-Complete Proposed Plan and begin the formal 90-day comment period
February 2010-30-day pre-decisional Objection Period
March 2010-Responsible Official signs Plan Approval Document
Responsible Official
The Forest Supervisor, Nancy Rose, is the Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.2(b)(1)). (Authority: 36 CFR 219.9(b)(2)(i), 73 FR 21509, April 21, 2008) B-52 Sept. 25, 2008

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