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by David Bowser Gray dbowser@thepampanews.com

Gray County may be able to get federal funds to cover at least part of the costs of housing illegal aliens in the county jail. "There's federal funding

out there that will reimburse the county, reimburse the sheriff's office, for the housing of foreignborn inmates in jail," John Munoz with Justice

County Commissioners Court this week.

He said SCAAP, or the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, was established to pacify counties that are having to rely on local tax dollars to house illegal aliens.

"The federal government realizes that the borders aren't controlled," Munoz said. "People come into Benefits, Inc., told the this country that aren't

**TIPS FOR TEETH** 

supposed to be here. They commit crimes here and the burden is placed on the county to house those peo-

ty seeks funding for illegals

ple in the jail." SCAAP was created to reimburse the county, he said.

"We're a governmental financial consulting firm based in Dallas," Munoz said of the company for which he works, Justice Benefits, Inc. "What that means basically is that we

go after federal funding for county government agencies.'

He said they have about 600 clients nationwide. They work with over 100 sheriff's departments in Texas.

Justice Benefits, Inc., already contracts with Gray County's juvenile board to get federal funding.

For the Gray County Sheriff's office, Munoz said his company will try to get the county reimburses through SCAAP.

"It's by no means something that's going to make the county rich," Munoz said, "but it's funding for something that you're already doing and you're not recouping that funding right now."

Munoz said his company works with counties to go after that funding. He said Funds- cont. on page 3

# Drags approved for June

#### by David Bowser

dbowser@thepampanews.com The Gray County Commission approved a request from Randy Stubblefield at their regular meeting Monday morning to use Perry Lefors Airport for drag racing during the Burnin' of the Bricks celebration on June 14.

Stubblefield said that some 113 cars were entered in last year's event and the drag races had about 1,500 spectators.

Several commissioners praised Stubblefield's group for doing a good job on the drag races. "This group is fine," Willoughby

said.

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Community Christian School students Cash Manhart and Brailey Roberson got a good lesson in dental hygiene from Lindsay Sapp. Lindsay spoke to the students on such subjects as proper brushing and flossing techniques. They also enjoyed brushing Ralph the Hippo's teeth.

Gray County is looking for reimbursement from the federal government for holding prisoners in their jail that were born in another country.

The Gray County Commission approved a contract with Justice Benefits, Inc., with access to federal funding for holding illegal aliens in county jails.

"We already work with JBI," Elaine Morris, Gray County Auditor, told the commission during their meeting Monday morning.

The country contracts with the Dallas-based company with regard to accessing federal funds for the county's juvenile justice program.

"Working with JBI on the juvenile program has helped our budget," Gray County Judge Richard Peet told commissioners.

Justice Benefits Inc. works on a County- cont. on page 3

# **Empowerment is goal of Parent**

by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com The second annual Parent University sponsored by Pampa Independent School District to empower and educate parents for success will

be held on March 27. "We are trying to give parents the tools they need to deal to have good relationships with their students," Danny Seabourn, assistant coordinator for parent involvement for Pampa ISD, said. "This is important because it gets parents more involved with their student's school and school system."

Seabourn considered last year's Parent University a success, roughly 75 people were in attendance.

The university will be a day long event on Mary 27. The courses are free to parents, but preregistration is required by March 24.

Certificates will be given as proof of attendance to interested parents. No childcare will be provided.

The sessions will include a variety of guest speakers including Jamie Moore, nurse practitioner with the Department of State Health

Services in Canyon, Anna Isom with Texas Panhandle MHMR, Peter Willis, licenses Master Social Worker with Baptist St.



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Parent University Presenters Beth Ann Preston and Kristi Smith will be speaking on things parents can do at home to help their child become a better reader. Beth Ann will present in Spanish.

Anthony's Care and Hospice and Pampa ISD workers.

The first session of courses include eating disorders, grandparents serving the role of parents for a child, reading skills, and drugs in Texas Schools.

The second session will include courses on newer street drugs, which discusses drugs parents might not know about, suicide prevention, abuse in the family, and two courses for spanish-speaking parents.

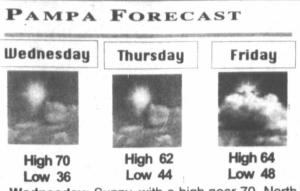
The third session will include courses on becoming a consistent parent by providing limits and structure with children, a course for spanish-speaking parents, and a course on understanding generational differences.

The fourth session will include courses on college preparation, tools for helping grieving children, strategies for dealing with the stress and challenges or raising kids, and a course for spanish-speaking parents.

The fifth and final session will include courses on violence in the media, child abuse, discussing sex education with kids, and a course on cutting and depression.



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Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph. with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. East northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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#### Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day.

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Milo	.\$5.21
Corn	

#### **Texas Two Step results**

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24 - 29 - 31 - 34. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$200,000.

Number matching four of four: 6. Prize: \$2,119.

# For the Record

# Obituaries

### **Dora Taylor Reeves, 83**

Pampa- Dora Taylor retired Reeves, 83, died March 14, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are Pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reeves was born October 24, 1925 in Pampa where she was a graduate of Pampa High School in 1944. She married James A. Reeves on October 25, 1946 in Pampa. She

from Pampa Independent School District after 20 years of service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was involved in 4-H, FFA and Cub Scouts for many years.

wife Savanah of Dublin, Survivors include her husband, James A. Reeves Michel Simer and husband Bob of Axtel, Cody Reeves of the home, two sons; James H. Reeves of Pampa and Ted T. Reeves and

## Nelda Y. Patton, 71

Pampa-Nelda Y. Patton, 71, died March 12, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Memorial graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, March 18,

at Fairview 2009. Cemetery, with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Ave. Church of Christ of Amarillo, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Patton was born

November 28, 1937 in Pampa where she was a 1956 graduate of Pampa

#### of Canyon and Casey **Reeves of College Station** and three great-grandchil-High School. She married Ronal Cecil Patton on December 30, 1955. He preceded her in death on October 8, 1990. She worked for many years with her parents at Pampa Parts & Supply. She then managed the fabric department at WalMart and also

worked at the Hobby Shop for several years. During Operation Desert Storm, she collected and mailed cookies to the troops overseas. Nelda later owned her own business, "My Favorite Things." She of taught classes for tole

painting. She was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. She enjoyed making arts and crafts and she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

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sisters; Doris Walsh and

Ida Ruth Price, both of

Pampa, four grandchil-

dren; Matt Reeves and

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Survivors include one son, Richard Patton and wife Jana of Pampa, one daughter, Rhonda Leazer and husband Nathan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, five grandchildren, Kailie Patton, Sara Leazer and Erin Leazer, all Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Keelan Patton

wife Kim of Cleburne, two dren. Dora was preceded in death by a brother: H. B. Taylor, Jr.

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and Kyler Patton, both of Pampa. Nelda was preceded in death by her parents, Winford and Lessie Maness Swain and a daughter, Michelle Lynn Patton on March 30, 1964. MEMORIALS:

Diabetes American Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, or Hospice of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404, Amarillo, Texas 79106. Sign the on-line register at www-carmichaelwhatley.com

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### **Emergency Services**

#### AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday. Monday

1:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart. No patients were transported.

1:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Craven and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Naida and transported a patient to PRMC.

motor vehicles.

received from the 1300 block of North Russell, the intersection of DAvis and Browning streeets, the 500 block of North Red Deer, the 1400 block of North Hobart, and the lobby of the PD.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the lobby of the PD, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received in the lobby of the PD, the 2100 block of North Nelson, and the 1400 block of North

North Faulkner, where money from a piggy bank and was stolen, \$50. responded to the 800 block of Craven on a medical

Lost property was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Tuesday Officers conducted four traffic stops.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of North Magnolia.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of North Hobart, 100 block of East Francis, 700 block of West Brown, and the 800 block of East Frederic.

Office reported the following arrests. Monday Savlador Rodriguez, 31,

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Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 24. Prize: \$66.

Number matching three of four: 913. Prize: \$23. Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 663. Prize: \$21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,230. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,308. Prize: \$5

Estimated jackpot for day night drawing: \$225,000.

#### Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1 - 9 - 26 - 33 - 36.

Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 60. Prize: \$666 Matching three of five: 2,265. Prize: \$12 Matching two of five: 25,167. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

# Praying for rain

The Cross in Groom, Texas is having a prayer service for rain. The lack of rain in the Texas Panhandle is creating such a hardship for local farmers and ranchers affecting the economy of the entire Panhandle. Since we know that the Bible declares that rain is a gift from God,

Cross Ministries, along with local and area Pastors are joining hands in prayer, coming together as the Body Of Christ to formally petition for his precious gift of rain.

Area Pastors Mike Sublet of Pampa and Father Ron Matthews of Prayer Town are among some of the invited guest speakers. On behalf of Cross Ministries we would like to invite area residents to come and join us for a most important time of prayer.

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4:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU repsonded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital.

#### PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday

Officers conducted 17 traffic stops. A stop in the 500 block of South Purvis resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of 12 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Browning, where

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Christy, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles. A welfare check was

made in the 1000 block of North Hobart. Civil matters were

reported in the 1300 block of North Charles, and the lobby of the PD. Suspicious vehicle calls

were received from the 1000 block of East Jordan.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight, where a visa debit card was fond. A burglaryw as reported

in the 1500 block of North Zimmers, where a PS2 was stolen, value \$200, and a window on a residence was broken, value \$100; and the 1500 block of

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Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday. Monday

9:36 a.m. — One unit four personnel and responded to the 11000 block of West Highway 60 on a fuel spill.

Pampa Police the Department for warrants on no valid driver's license, and public intoxication.

Eddie Scott Graham, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police the Department for wrongful/ficticious/altered /obscured vehicle registration.

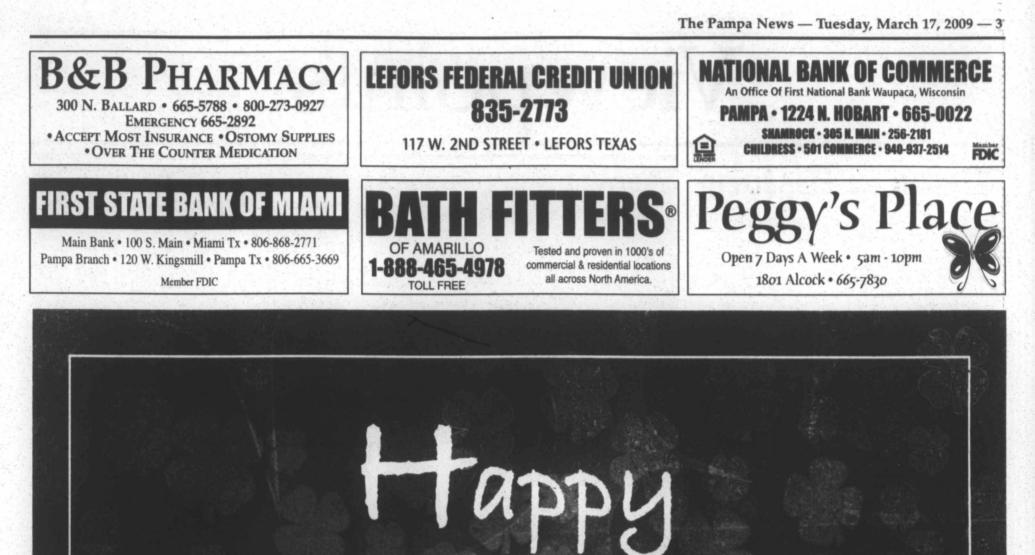
#### **Texas ends Evercare contract**

DALLAS (AP) - The state will end a troubled contract with a health company that was supposed to improve care for more than 74,000 elderly and disabled Medicaid patients in North Texas.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Evercare of Texas, a unit of UnitedHealth Group, announced Monday an agreement to end the contract on May 31.

An investigative report by The Dallas Morning News in January detailed problems with Evercare's program, including more than 1,300 complaints filed with the Health and Human Services Commission last year.





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• The first settlers of Ireland can be traced back to 7000 B.C. in the Middle

Stone Age period. These were mainly hunters who emigrated from Britain.
Much of early Irish history can be attributed to the Celts, a group of Indo-European individuals with a distinct language.

• It wasn't until the 5th century that Christianity was introduced in Ireland. St. Patrick is often credited with this. However, history states there were some Christians in Ireland even before St. Patrick's arrival.

• An age of renaissance and progress in Ireland took place in the 11th and 12th centuries. It was also an era or religious reform, attempting to put the church more in line with the Roman orthodoxy.

• Normans invaded Ireland in the Middle Ages and it was a time of uncertainty. Normans quickly came to control three-quarters of the land.

• The English tried to regain control in Ireland and bring Protestantism. This was the beginning of religious differences in the land.

• In 1845 the now infamous potato famine began. Between the years 1848 and 1849, the population decreased by 2 million people.



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# Viewpoints

# Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 17, the 76th day of 2009. There are 289 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, A.D. 461 (or A.D. 493, according to other authorities), St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It was formally presented to the public on this date two years later.)

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

'History is not life. But since only life makes history, the union of the two is obvious."

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium." In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard 1 satellite. In 1959, the Dalai Lama fled Tibet for India in the wake of a failed uprising by Tibetans against

- Louis D. Brandeis, U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Chinese rule.

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1992, 29 people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Ten years ago: A panel of medical experts concluded that marijuana had medical benefits for people suffering from cancer and AIDS.

Five years ago: A car bomb tore apart a five-story hotel catering to foreigners in the heart of Baghdad, killing seven people. Charles A. McCoy, Jr., suspected in a series of highway shootings in central Ohio, was arrested in Las Vegas. Today's Birthdays: The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 76. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 68. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 66. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian is 65. Rock musician Harold Brown (War; Lowrider Band) is 63. Actor Patrick Duffy is 60. Actor Kurt Russell is 58. Country singer Susie Allanson is 57. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 55. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 54. Actor Gary Sinise is 54. Boston Celtics general manager Danny Ainge is 50. Actress Vicki Lewis is 49. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 48. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 47. Actor Rob Lowe is 45. Rock singer Billy Corgan (Smashing Pumpkins) is 42. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 42. Actor Mathew St. Patrick is 41. Actor Yanic Truesdale is 40. Rock musician Melissa Auf der Maur is 37. Rock musician Caroline Corr (The Corrs) is 36. Actress Marisa Coughlan is 35. Rapper Swifty (D12) is 34. Actress Natalie Zea is 34. Actress Brittany Daniel is 33. Singer Stephen Gately is 33. Actress Eliza Hope Bennett is 17.

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#### By Rep. Warren Chisum **Texas House of Representatives**

For many Texans who are sick, finding a primary care doctor can mean long waits, longer distances or - if they can't wait - a long line at the hospital emergency room.

Last year, 26 Texas counties had no primary care physician. Eighteen counties had only one. In rural Texas, the shortage is especially severe. Texas has 114 counties federally identified as a Health Professional Shortage Area. By far, most can be found in rural parts of our state.

More than an inconvenience, the results of this shortage are a price we all pay - in real dollars taken from our tax base, our own out-of-pocket debt to cover what insurance doesn't. or if we are among the fortunate who have insurance, unaffordable hikes in our annual premiums - can be calculated in the millions. The factors that contribute to this high-cost medical spiral are getting worse. Far worse. We are beginning to understand what the studies have been fairly screaming at us for several years: If more of us could get our pressing and immediate needs cared for by a primary care physician, the nurse practitioners they work closely with or a dentist, the savings - in terms of preventable suffering, time off work, and unaffordable health care - would take a sharp turn in the right direction. If we don't start rethinking how

we get family doctors, nurse and dentists to the parts of our state in the greatest need, we will all pay an even higher price.

Delayed care, or interruptions in that care (especially for patients suffering from chronic ailments like diabetes, heart disease or breathing disorders like asthma) translates into more heart attacks, acute asthma attacks, insulin shock, or worse, a permanent decline into irreversible conditions and longer hospitalizations. The longer the wait, the worse it gets. And tragically, some of us won't make it.

My colleagues and I in the Texas

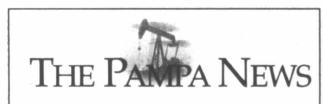


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Legislature understand that a perfect storm of below-cost reimbursements, waiting rooms and emergency rooms crowded with more and more patients with little or no insurance, coupled with the suffocating debt new doctors, nurses, and dentists inherit after their training, are keeping some of our best and brightest primary health care professionals out of the Texas Zip Codes where they're needed most.

The current projected supply of primary care physicians to all parts of our state is not even a third of what it should be. But we can start, right here and now by providing meaningful loan repayment to family care providers if they'll come to the areas of greatest need and stay for at least 4 years.

And we can easily pay for this not out of your tax dollars, but by simply closing the loophole in Texas' tobacco tax for some smokeless tobacco products. This is nothing more than a user fee for a product that - while perfectly legal - is addictive, toxic, and, if used as directed, increases exponentially the probability of dying of one of a variety of cancers. Who knows? We might even discourage a few more Texans to kick that habit.

It takes 7 years to train and place these health care professionals. If we can relieve some of the fiscal pain of the six-figure debt load new doctors, nurses and dentists face, we can start assuring essential medical care will be available across our state. Yes, we can afford it. And no, we cannot afford to wait, especially in rural Texas. Many of us are already waiting far too long for care that just isn't there and may not be on the horizon unless we do something today.

# **Texas farmers, ranchers harvest** success through conservation

TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 16, 2009 - Texans today can thank farmers, ranchers, land managers and others across the state during National Ag Week March 15-21 for their conservation efforts in protecting and improving soil, water and air quality, plant and wildlife habitats.

National Agriculture Day, March 20, takes place on the first day of spring as a way to celebrate American agriculture and the farmers and ranchers - the stewards of the land - who provide the food, fiber, plants, shelter, energy and other materials we use on a daily basis.

Many of these farmers, ranchers and landowners work with the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and their local soil and water conservation districts in a voluntary, cooperative partnership to develop comprehensive conservation plans for their operations. These plans help the landowners meet their management goals to conserve, manage and care for the natural resources, livestock and wildlife, by making improvements to farm and ranchland, creating and restoring wetlands, and improving wildlife habitat and grazing lands. As part of any operation's private business, these plans are confidential.

"In 2008, the near-record level of technical and financial assistance to Texas land stewards helped them address a wide array of natural resource issues and accelerate conservation work on millions of acres to benefit all Texans - not just those who implemented the conservation on their land," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas.

Private landowners are the key to effective conservation efforts in Texas, since 95 percent of the state's land is privately owned. With NRCS technical and financial assistance, landowners implemented the following conservation improvements in 2008:

 5.7 million acres were enhanced for wildlife habitats, while individual conservation plans were written covering more than 8 million acres.

 Landowners implemented conservation practices to improve soil quality on nearly 1.2 million acres across the state and water quality on another 8 million acres.

· Wetlands were created, protected, or restored on 8,300 acres

 Irrigation efficiency was improved on 473,000 acres.

· Grazing land and forest land conservation efforts were implemented on 8 million acres.

 To address water quality issues, landowners worked with NRCS to develop 170agricultural waste management plans and implement 282 plans.

NRCS staff also provided assistance to city planners, watershed groups, local and state government and civic organizations to produce clean water and air, healthy and productive soil, and scenic landscapes across the state.

Gohmert said, "NRCS's vision is 'Productive Lands Healthy Environment,' and we thank and recognize the landowners, land managers and other partners, who work hand-in-hand with us, to implement conservation efforts on their land to protect and improve the natural resources of the Lone Star State. The healthy environmental benefits of their efforts reach far beyond the farm gate to all Texans.'

For more information about protecting and improving the natural resources on your land, contact NRCS or soil and water conservation district at your local USDA Service Center, listed in phone directories under U.S. Government, or visit the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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# County seeks reimbursement

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that Justice Benefits, Inc., takes the financial and inmate information from the county and put the claim together for the county and submit it to the federal government.

"And the county gets reimbursed," he said.

Munoz said his company works on a contingency fee. Justice Benefits, Inc., gets 22 percent of what they recover for the county. He said the company doesn't get paid until the county receives the money from the federal government.

"You don't get your total cost back," Munoz said.

He said SCAAP pays only for the securing of the inmate. That includes the housing cost and cost of the jail personnel.

'You still have your food costs and medial costs for an inmate that are in the claim," Munoz said.

He said it's difficult to say exactly what the total cost is per inmate. He said each claim varies.

"But this reimburses you for securing that inmate," Munoz said. "Holding that inmate in jail."

When the commissioners asked Elaine Morris exactly how much the program would save the county, she replied, "Exactly a bunch."

Sheriff Don Copeland said his office had not participated in SCAAP before because of the extra work in breaking out the costs, but with the new computer software that the jail has, that information is more readily available.

Still, Copeland and Morris agreed that contracting out to Justice Benefits would be more cost effective than hiring people in the sheriff's department or auditor's department to handle the claims.

County Judge Gray Richard Peet said he has had a number of foreignborn inmates appear before him on misdemeanor charges.

"What I do is go ahead and put them on probation rather than house them," Peet said. "Then I notify adult probation. They notify ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). That generally takes care

of it."

Munoz said that Moore County (Dumas) was reimbursed about \$24,000 last year. Carson County got about \$12,600 last year. Dallam County received about \$10,700 in 2007. In 2008, Dallam County got \$12,900.

"You will see your claims fluctuate," he said, "depending upon what goes through the jail."

He said there is no way to predict the number of foreign-born prisoners that will go through the jail.

"In going after funding in the SCAAP program,' Munoz said, "there's nothing that needs to be changed in the way you jail people. You don't have to reinvent that system at all. The SCAAP program will reimburse you for what you are already doing.

Munoz said that it's a case of getting the documentation, putting the claim together and getting reimbursed.

"It's money that we don't have now," Copeland said.

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contingency basis, collecting 22 percent of the money they are able to gain from the federal government to offset county costs of holding illegal aliens (See related story).

The county also saved some money on a maintenance contract with Carrier Commercial Services. By combining the maintenance contracts on heating and air conditioning for the courthouse and jail, the county was able to lower their costs from \$9,180 to \$6,700 annually through combined fuel and travel costs of service representatives. The commission passed a resolution supporting a Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant from the Texas Attorney General's office.

An old Ford tractor at Perry Lefors Airport was again put up for sale. The tractor was put up for bids earlier this year but had to be rebid due to clerical errors in the bidding process.

The county is also taking bids to cut hay at the airport.

Commissioner Willoughby said that he had been approached in 2004 by several people wanting to cut hay on the airport grounds. No bid was let last year because of the lack of growth due to the drought. The commission will open bids on the project at their April 15 meeting.

The county is also going out for bids from banks for county deposits. Those bids will be opened at the commissioners court April 1 meeting.



## Shockers compete in tourneys

The Pampa Shockers on the score board with 7 dropping one competed in the Amarillo points each, Engle added 2 Competitive League and assists and DeLoach 6 All-Star rebounds. Zuniga added 4 The points 2 assists and 3 Shockers finished fifth in rebounds. Wilson did not get on the scoreboard but Amarillo and took fourth place in the Perryton Alladded 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Furgason, Lott and Star tournament and their Taylor combined for 5 current record sits at an rebounds. The Shockers were eliminated from the tournament in the third game after dropping a heart breaker to the Perryton 6th graders by a score of 41-Kyndan Lott led 38. Pampa with 13 points and 3 rebounds. Engle added 10 points 3 assists and 3 rebounds. Zuniga had 6 points 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Wilson, DeLoach, Taylor and Furgason combined for 9 points, 2 assists and 13 rebounds.

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On February 22, the Shockers took on the Canyon Eagles in the early game coming away with a 39-14 win. Cade Engle led the Shockers on the scoreboard with 16 points and 4 assists, Zach Wilson added 8 points and 9 rebounds, Adam Zuniga added 7 points and 5 assists, Josh DeLoach had 3 points, 3 assists and 4 rebounds. Nathan Furgason had 3 points and 1 assist, Kyndan Lott had 2 points and 1 assist.

The second game on Saturday did not go quite as well as Pampa dropped one to the Amarillo Bulls by a score of 34 to 21. Adam Zuniga led Pampa with 7 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists. Engle added 4 points, 2 assists and 2 rebounds. Josh DeLoach and Kyndan Lott had 3 each while points DeLoach pulled down 7 rebounds and Lott had 5.

Last Saturday the Shockers got the day started against the 6th grade Spearman Lynx and the game did not end pretty as Pampa dropped its opener by a score of 37-12. DeLoach led Pampa on the scoreboard with 4 points, Landon Taylor and Zuniga added 3 points each. Zuniga also added 4 rebounds and 1 assist. Wilson added 2 points and 2 rebounds, Lott had 3 rebounds and Engle tossed in a couple of assists and rebounds. The second game in

Perryton was much better for the Shockers as Pampa were able to pull out a 22-17 win against the Perryton 5th grade. Engle and DeLoach led Pampa

Pampa finished up its competitive season in Amarillo this past Sunday by splitting its remaining two games. In the early game Pampa played hard but didn't get all the calls

scorers with 15 points, 2 assists and 2 rebounds. Lott added 6 points and 6 rebounds. Zuniga dropped in 4 points had 2 rebounds and 1 assist. DeLoach, Wilson and Furgason combined for 4 points 6 rebounds and 1 assist. The Shockers are sched-

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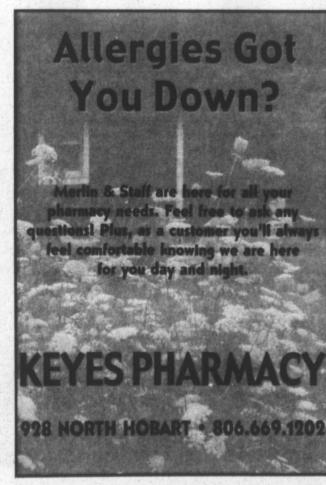
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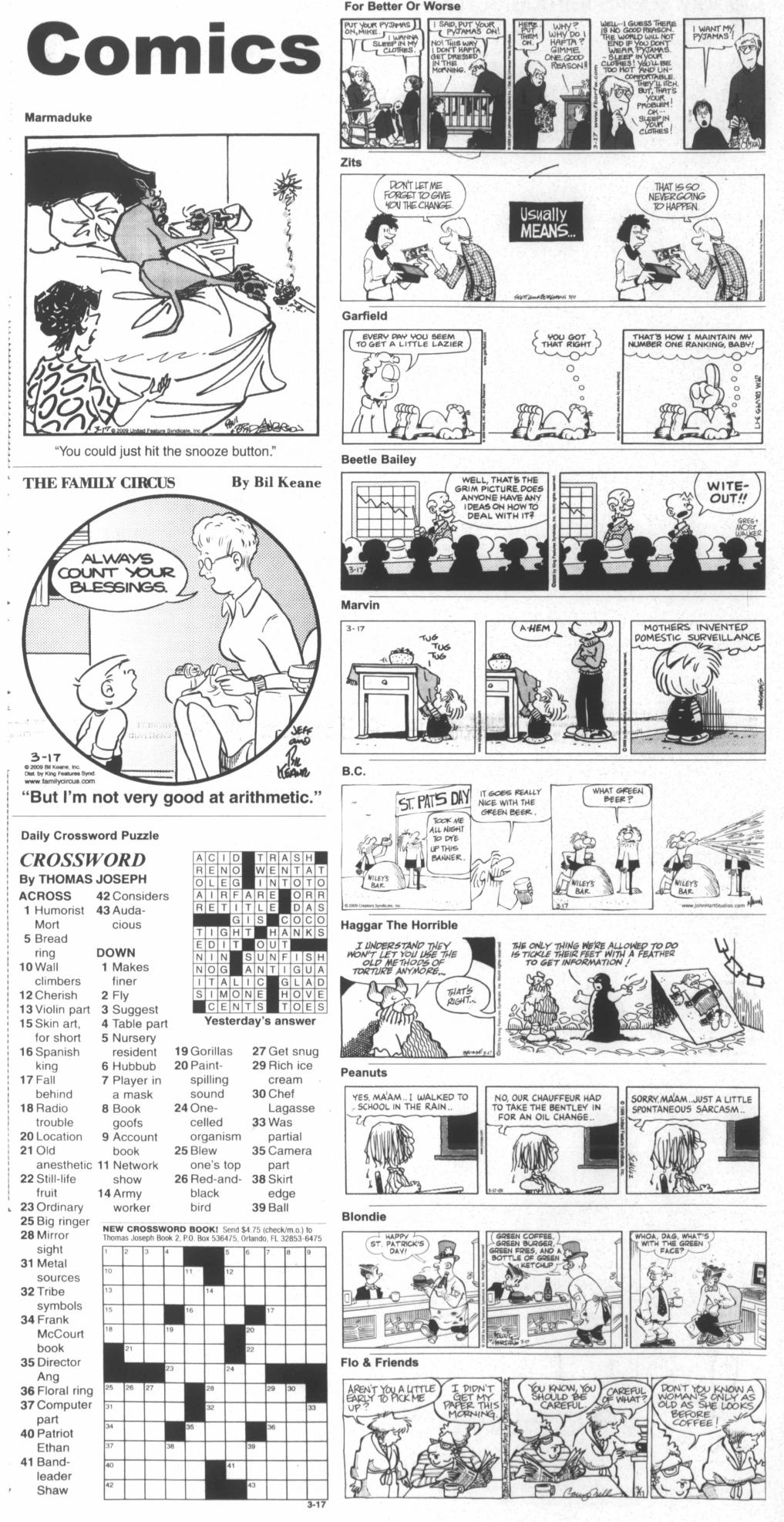
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DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Frustrated Mom in Virginia" (Jan. 5) was on the money. There could be a wide range of reasons for her son's "shortcomings."

I can say from personal experience that it is never too late to get her son diagnosed. am an ADHD (Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) adult, whose mother mistakenly believed that being "on my case" would lessen my frequent errors. However, no matter how hard you try to learn from your

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DEAR E.P.: You are among many caring readers who wanted to share their experiences with "Frustrated Mom" as a way to provide an explanation for her son's behavior. However, a psychological or neurological disorder is something that can be determined only by a physician. Read on:

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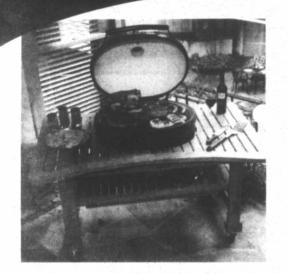






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