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County plans for service contract

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Gray County Commissioners Court will be asking county officials this week about their computers.

The commissioners directed their Information Technology Committee to find out how many computers each office has and recommend a priority for the computers within those offices as part of their plan to expand the county's services with Daniel Silva's Vision Computer Services. County Judge Richard

Peet said it would cost at least \$40,000 to \$45,000 in salary to hire a full time person to take care of the county's technology services, not including benefits. Commissioner

Willoughby pointed out such a person would also have to have an assistant in case of vacation or sick-

The county is contracting with Vision Computer Services to monitor and maintain the county's computer system for about \$36,000 a year, but there have been complaints about the service. Judge Peet told commissioners that Silva had expanded his staff and proposed prioritizing the computers at the courthouse and sheriff's office.

Under the proposed system, each computer would be designated essential, enhanced or premium for service based on the time the office can do without a particular computer.

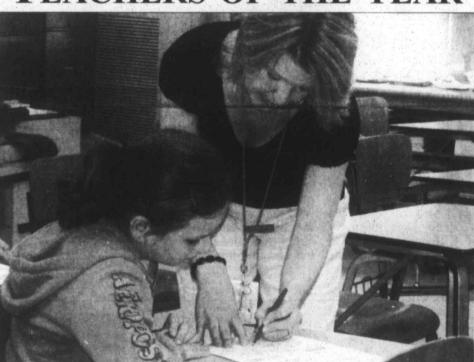
Those computers labeled essential might have to wait several days for service. Under the enhanced contract, the computer would be serviced within a day. Under the premium contract, the computer COUNTY cont. on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser

Grav County Commissioner Gary Willoughby displays the new burn bans signs that will be going up next week. Quipping that the county has gotten moisture only because they ordered the signs, Willoughby said he hoped the signs would remain folded close in the near future.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



staff photo by Rachel Stennett Tammie Helton, winner of the Pampa Junior High Teacher of the Year award, helps her seventh grade student Ashlyn Paronto with her math work.

Junior High Teacher of the Year fulfilling her destiny

BY RACHEL STENNETT

rstennett@thepampanews.com Teaching is in Tammie

Helton's genes. Four out of five of her siblings are certified teachers, though her parents are

Helton won the Teacher of the Year award this year for Pampa Junior High, but she has always known she teaching was what she was

destined to do. "I enjoy hearing a stu-dent say, 'I get math now!' It reassures me that I am doing what I am destined to do," Helton explained.

Helton's been teaching at Pampa Junior High for the past eight years. For the first three years of her career, she taught eighth grade Special Education, and for the last six years she has devoted her time to teaching seventh grade

Helton will be making a

First in a series

transition to eighth grade math next year, which will bring challenges for learning new curriculum and, becoming the best I can be in my new position,"

she said. Regardless the grade though, Helton said that she has known since her own junior high years that she wanted to be a teacher. The job brings certain joy, like students grasping the material, and challenges, like those students who are

reluctant to learn. "Every year, there are always students who are apathetic to learning," Helton said explaining the challenges of her job. "I wish I knew how to reach every kid who doesn't care... I wish they could see

their two possible futures the one with a good education and the one without. Students do not realize the opportunities available if they would just develop a passion for learning, Helton said.

Helton thanks other teachers in the field for helping her to get to this place she is at today. She said that she has copied, traded, and stolen many teaching ideas and classroom management skills from her peers at PJHS.

Specifically, Helton discussed a mentor/co-teacher she worked with in the beginning of her career who won the Teacher of the Year award in 2007, Cheryl Wisdom.

"She started me on the right track as far as being a good teacher goes," Helton explained.

Helton said she has also TEACHER cont. on page 3

Honors graduates named



Diana Mechelay

Valedictorian

Diana Mechelay, a Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.477. Diana is the daughter of Joe and Edie Mechelay. She is Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Senior Class Vice President, Secretary of the PHS Concert Choir, and a Senior Cheerleader Captain. She earned the distinction of Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. She has won subject academic awards in Chemistry, Biology, English, and Latin.

Salutatorian

Brenna Albracht, a Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.346. Brenna is the daughter of Jack and Jana Albracht. She is Vice President for the PHS Student Body and the National Honor Society, and the President for Rotary Interact. She has qualified for Regional UIL Science competition for two years, and earned the distinction of Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam.



Brenna Albracht

Congratulations of all the PHS Class of 2009 Honors Graduates. For a complete list, see pages 9 and 10



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Tuesday







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58. North northeast wind around 10 mph. Sunday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

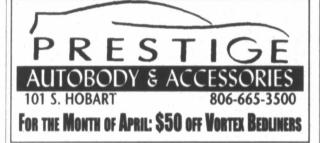
Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 71. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind around 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high

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Commissioner: Flu testing load a 'challenge'

KELLEY SHANNON Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Keeping up with lab testing of suspected swine flu samples from around the state has been difficult in dealing with the outbreak in Texas, where 28 cases are confirmed, Health Commissioner Dr. David Lakey said Friday.

"The challenge has been that a lot of samples have been sent," Lakey told doctors at a Texas Medical Association meeting. He said he's working to arrange for extra equipment and people to step up the pace of the testing in response to demand.

Lakey said he wants to get results out more quickly so local officials can make public health decisions.

More than 400 schools are now closed in Texas, affecting some 265,000 University students. Interscholastic League competitions have been postponed. The Lewisville schools district's closure Friday brings to 14 the number of districts that have closed all of their campuses.

After five swine flu cases were confirmed in Tarrant County, officials called off Fort Worth's people and has never been canceled in its 37-year history. Also canceled this weekend were the city of Cleburne's Springfest, and Big Bend Ranch State Park's party of tours and a free barbecue — although the park will remain open.

Cisco Junior College in West Texas canceled its Friday graduation ceremony and instead will mail diplomas to graduates. Special Olympics Texas called off its Friday and planned in several Texas

Lakey noted that most of the swine flu cases are mild, though a few have been severe, especially in young patients or those with underlying health issues such as pregnancy. One boy from Mexico died MOTHER, DAUGHTER, in a Houston hospital from the illness. Lakey repeated that the state has 1.7 million antiviral courses in place at the moment, in addition to antiviral doses available in the private sec-

"I don't want you to have We Cater!! 50-200 people. to delay putting somebody on medicines waiting for our confirmation tests," he said.

Lakey didn't say how many confirmation tests have arrived at state labs or what kind of backlog exists in reporting results, and he would not answer reporters' questions after the medical association conference in Austin.

Dr. Edward Sherwood, chair of the TMA's infectious diseases committee, said he did not know the precise turnaround time for testing samples, but estimated it at three to five days based on information he was given. He noted that often by the fifth day of an ordinary flu illness the patient is beginning to feel better.

Sherwood explained that rapid flu tests can be conducted in a doctor's office,



Health Texas Commissioner Dr. David Lakey speaks to those attending a medical convention Friday, May 1, lenges in the swine flu outbreak is keeping up with testing of the large number of samples of suspected cases arriving from around the state.

but those are not as precise as viral culture and polymerase chain reaction tests that are conducted in a laboratory and can pinpoint swine flu, technically called the H1N1 virus.

Guadalupe County leads the state with nine confirmed cases, and county judge Mike Wiggins said Thursday there are another 14 "highly probable" cases and about 100 suspected cases awaiting further testing. He said the backlog in testing has gone from getting confirmation as quickly as within 24 hours to potentially as long as a week.

The first two cases in Texas were confirmed in Guadalupe County last week.

"What we're doing now, we're looking at cases of high probability more so than confirmation of cases because it's taking so long," Wiggins said.

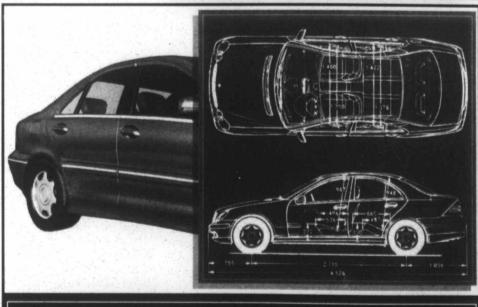
One doctor asked Lakey on Friday what the threshold should be for sending in a sample for confirmation testing. Lakey said if there are no confirmed cases in an area, but there is a suspected case, that would be an important sample to test so that public health officials can make informed decisions. Other criteria include how sick a patient is and whether the patient is hospitalized, he said.

Sherwood said he thinks the government and public response to the new strain of flu is an "appropriate overreaction."

"Better to close the schools and be criticized later than to not close the schools and have some dire consequences for the children," he said.

One doctor in the crowd asked Lakey why the U.S.-Mexico border hasn't been closed given that Mexico is the outbreak's epicenter. Some of the other physicians in the large meeting room broke into applause.





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Highlights Friday from the legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Senate gave final approval to the bill requiring ultrasounds be offered to women seeking abortions, but not before a new debate erupted over whether there is a link between abortions and breast cancer.

Sen. Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso tried but failed to amend the bill to take out a reference to such a link in the information pamphlet women are required to be offered before an abortion. That brochure says that while some studies shown a link, others do not.

National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society studies say there is no medical evidence of a link.

"The language was put in there to scare women," Shapleigh said.

The bill sponsor, Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, said women should be told that studies support both sides of the issue.

The Senate rejected the amendment on a 19-11 vote before sending the bill to the House.

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The Senate voted to lift the state's cap on the number of open-enrollment charter schools, allowing up to 10 new ones per year and an unlimited number for those designed for disabled students

Texas currently caps the number of openenrollment charters at 215. They had about 89,000 students in the 2007-2008 school year with about 17,000 on waiting lists.

The bill by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, also allows high-performing charter schools to open new campuses without applying to the State Board of Education. They would still have to serve notice of expansion to the state education commissioner, who would have 90 days to review it.

The bill also gives the commissioner a new enforcement hammer to close charter schools that are financially mismanaged.

"There was not the enforcement power to close those schools," Patrick said. "A bad charter doesn't serve anyone's purpose."

The bill passed 31-0 and was sent to the House.

Texas first allowed charters — which are taxsupported campuses that are subject to fewer state laws than public schools — in 1995.

Texas put a cap on their number after state officials approved a flood of applications all at once, including many that went on to have serious academic and financial problems.

The bill was opposed by public school teacher and administrator groups.

County computers

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county computers.

use," Peet said.

ways.

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Peet said he no problem

with games that might come

already on a computer, but

he balked at employees

putting new games on their

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The IT Committee is to

The commissioners also

develop a policy and return

to the commission with it.

discussed whether there

was a need for county

guidelines concerning the

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Peet said that nei-

ther Carson nor Oldham

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has wind farms, has such

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was worried about the

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The increase in service

an increase in cost of ser-

The judge said that once

the commissioners court

had determined how many

computers the county had

and the priority each com-

puter need for servicing,

the county would then

negotiated a contract with

County Auditor Elaine

Morris estimated that the

annual contract could

cost as much as \$60,000

depending upon the num-

ber of computers in each

As a professional service,

Morris said, the contract

would not necessarily need

to be put out for bid, but the

commissioners could put it

County Treasurer Scott

Hahn pointed out that there were few companies in

Pampa capable of fulfilling

"It's almost a single sup-

Letters were expected to

go out to county officials

concerning their computers

on Friday afternoon with a

request for the information

The commission also dis-

cussed developing a computer usage policy, detail-

ing what the computers

could be used and uses that

plier service," Hahn said.

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this week.

within four hours.

vice, Peet said.

Silva.

Children under 18 would have to wear a can be mistaken for toys by children.

helmet when wrestling steer or riding bucking broncs in rodeos, under a bill passed by the Senate. Bill sponsor Sen. Chris Harris, R-Fort Worth, said the measure is designed to help prevent catastrophic head injuries.

Schools that have rodeo activities would also be required to show students a safety training course video at least 14 days before the events.

CREATIVITY, PLEASE

The creative sector of the Texas economy including film, music, performing arts and visual arts is growing faster and paying higher wages than jobs in the non-creative sector, according to a study released Friday by a group that advocates for arts education.

"I have long maintained that education cannot be one-size-fits-all," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, in rolling out the economic impact study. "The creative industry is the future and incorporating arts into education is the way to get there."

The study was conducted by the consulting firm TXP Inc., and was commissioned by the Texas Cultural Trust for its "Create Texas" campaign.

GUN SLINGERS

The Texas House on Friday widely approved several measures that would lighten restrictions on concealed handgun license holders.

Under one of the bills, a license holder who carried a gun in to a bar could not be prosecuted if the bar did not post a mandatory sign warning that it is crime. Any business that gets the majority of its income from on-premises alcohol sales — including some restaurants — is required to post a sign saying it is illegal to have a handgun there.

Another measure would allow a person to use an expired license if they had applied for a new one in time, but hadn't received a response from the Department of Public Safety.

A third proposal would delete current law allowing authorities to suspend a concealed handgun license if the license holder refused to show it when asked. The bill would also prevent police from finding out whether or not someone has a concealed handgun license when they run a driver's license or license plate number during routine duties such as a traffic stop.

LIGHTER BAN

The Texas House on Friday moved toward a statewide ban on lighters that

from a property line.

private property.

County.

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Peet also noted that there might be legal questions

involved since the pro-

posed wind farms in the

county are being built on

The judge said he would

continue to research the

issue and contact counties

around Sweetwater and

Abilene to see if they had

any guidelines or policies.

ed a resolution concern-

ing tax abatement in rein-

vestment zones in Gray

Peet said the guidelines

that the county had established two years ago for a

reinvestment zone for Mesa

Power expired in February.

He said the rules laid down

by the county stated that

any tax abatement would

not take place until con-

"It hasn't helped us or

The commissioners dis-

cussed imposing an appli-

cation fee but decided

Peet the resolution that

was extended did not set

the abatement prices.

struction had started.

hurt us," Peet said.

against it.

The commission extend-

Representatives voted 97-42 in favor of the bill which would make it illegal to sell novelty lighters, which can be shaped like race cars, animals and guns. The measure now heads to

Several states have been considering such bans this year. Maine and Tennesee already have similar bans.

TEEN CONTRACEPTIVES

Certain unmarried teen mothers could get contraceptives without the consent of their parents under a bill that has been approved by the Texas Senate.

But thanks to a hotly debated amendment by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, the parents or guardians of the teen mother would still be informed that the contraceptives were provided.

The bill, which applies to mothers 16 and older, passed on a preliminary 19-9 vote Friday after a series of heated exchanges on the Senate

Proponent said Texas has a high rate of repeat teen pregnancies, while critics said the legislation would encourage bad behavior and cut parents out of an important health decision.

MEDICAID BUY-IN

The Texas House on Friday approved a Medicaid buy-in system for some families with disabled children who make too much to qualify for the joint federal and state health care program, but can't afford other health care.

Rep. Eddie Lucio, D-San Benito, said families are being forced to get divorces or take lower-paying jobs just to qualify for Medicaid to cover the often high health care needs of disabled children.

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Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic

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May 5 • Cinco de Mayo Celebration • 3-6 pm • PHS Front Lawn

Pampa High School

May 4 • Government AP Test •

May 4 • Golf Banquet

May 5 • Spanish Language AP Test

May 5 • Honors Banquet • 7 p.m.

May 6 • Awards Assembly Gym • 9 a.m.

May 7 • English Lit AP

May 7 • Band Spring Festival • 7 p.m.

May 7-10 • BPA Nationals

May 7-11 • Choir Spring Trip May 8 • US History AP Exam

May 8 • Band Banquet • 7 p.m.

Pampa Junior High School May 4 • NJHS Reception FBC • 7 p.m.

May 7 • NJHS Meeting May 7 • Teacher Appreciation Luncheon • 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. • Library

May 7 • Band Spring Festival • 7 p.m. • High School Gym

May 8 • Band Greater Southwest Music Festival May 9 • 8th Grade Dance • 8 p.m. • Country Club

Austin Elementary

May 4 • Show Choir Encore Concert

May 7 • 2nd-4th Grade PAAS Field Trip

May 8 • 5th Grade PAAS Field Trip

May 8 • Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Lamar Elementary

May 4 • Bilingual Parent Meeting at Wilson Elementary • 6 p.m.

May 5 • 1st-5th Grade Cinco de Mayo Program • 1:30 p.m.

May 6 • 2nd-5th Grade Career Awareness Day • 9 a.m. • MK Brown May 7 • PAAS 4th Grade Field Trip • 8:30 a.m.

May 8 • Mom's Breakfast • 7 a.m.-7:45 a.m.

May 8 • PAAS 5th Grade Trip • 8:30 a.m.

Travis Elementary

May 4 • Bilingual Parent Meeting at Wilson Elementary • 6 p.m.

May 5 • PJH Show Choir Performance • 1:30 p.m.

May 7 • Bingo for Books • 6 p.m.

Wilson Elementary

May 4 • Bilingual Meeting • 6 p.m.

May 6 • Power Hour Celebration • 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

May 6 • Little Bookworms Club • 2:15 p.m.-3 p.m. May 8 • Mom's Breakfast • 7 p.m.

May 7 • School Board Meeting • 6:30 p.m.

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

Teacher

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worked closely with Denise Internann, 2006 winner of

Teacher of the Year.

would be prohibited. Judge Peet said music streaming and such social websites as You Tube, My Space and Face Book

"I will always remember her impacting my teacher career in a very positive way. When you work with the best teachers," Helton said, "some of their greatness has to rub off on you."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2009 There are 243 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1519 - Artist Leonardo da Vinci dies at Cloux,

1536 - England's Queen Anne Boleyn is sent to Tower of London, where she eventually is beheaded. 1813 - Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Prussian and Russian armies at Lutzen, Germany.

1895 - British South Africa Company territory south of Zambesi is organized as Rhodesia.

1945 - The Soviet Union announces the fall of Berlin and the Allies announce the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

1965 - The first satellite television program links nine countries and over 300 million viewers.

1972 - After serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover dies in Washington at age 77

'What experience and history teach is this: that people and governments never learned anything from history.'

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German Philiosopher

1990 - African National Congress and South African government open three days of negotiations in Cape Town on gradually ending white rule in South Africa.

1994 - Nelson Mandela and the ANC claim victory in the first democratic election in South Africa.

1999 - Yugoslav authorities hand over to the Rev. Jesse Jackson three American prisoners of war who were held for a month; Mireya Moscoso

becomes the first woman to win Panama's presidential elections.

2000 - Belgium opens an investigation into the 1961 killing of Congo's first democratically elected prime minister, Patrice Lumumba, following Congolese independence from Belgium. It is later found that Belgian officials and the CIA were involved in his slaying.

2007 - Responding to the massive recall of cat and dog food, the U.S. Senate votes in favor of stricter production and labeling standards so people have more information about what they are feeding their

2008 - Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai wins 47.9 percent of the vote in Zimbabwe's presidential elections - not enough to avoid a runoff against President Robert Mugabe.

Today's Birthdays:

Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia (1729-1796); Theodor Herzl, Hungarian journalist, founder of Zionism (1860-1904); Baron Manfred von Richthofen, World War I German fighter ace (1892-1918); Alan Marshall, Australian author (1902-1984); Bing Crosby, U.S. actor-singer (1904-1977); King Faisal II, last king of Iraq (1935-1958); Roscoe Lee Browne, U.S. actor (1925-2007): Bianca Jagger, Nicaraguan actress, socialite (1945--); Steven Daldry, director (1960--); Lily Allen, British pop singer (1985--).

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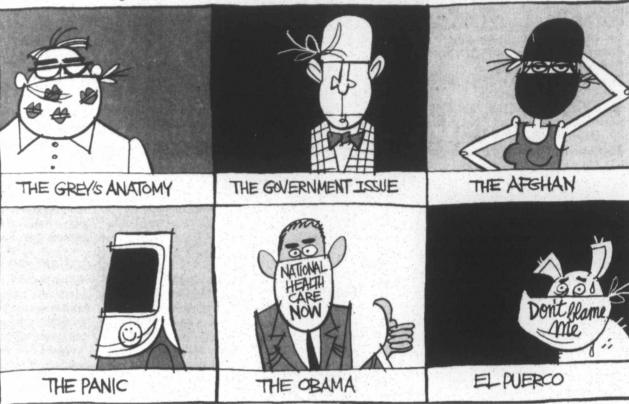
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This Just In: Teenagers Are Listening To Our Advice

By Martha Randolph Carr

If you're the parent of a teenager and have been stressed out by the economy lately your silver lining has finally arrived. Apparently our kids really are paying some attention. Anecdotal reports are starting to emerge particularly from the hardest hit areas in the country that teenagers who had previously been mostly lackluster in school are shaping up and hitting the books. Daily attendance in schools is up

This is particularly areas such as Las Vegas, which had seen a drop of 23 percentage points to a 44.5 percent dropout rate are suddenly seeing an intractable trend reverse itself. GED classes across the nation are also experiencing waiting lists.

While it is too soon to have statistical data, principals are noticing that a lot. of kids have watched their parents being laid off and the options thinning out and have concluded that a good education is a necessity. This means that the Great Recession has actually done what no amount of nagging, pleading, bar-

gaining and outright bribing has managed to do to American teenagers.

They have started to look into their future and make a reasonable plan. This is big news right up there with the reports that Americans are finally saving at record levels. Some of our most ingrained laziness and bad attitudes have been scared straight. Imagine what else we might do if the recession

drags on long enough. Buying large amounts of junk food to consume in one greasy food orgy might start to seem like a real drag on the pocketbook once you factor in the lower cost of cooking at home and the higher cost of joining a gym to work off the extra weight. Current affairs and the

name of our vice president, Joe Biden in case you were stuck, may become small talk instead of what Lohan or Hilton are doing with their spare time. Imagine if professional news with lots of facts made a comeback instead of bloggers who just set up shop. If teenagers can see education as part of their life plan instead of becoming a celebrity or a sports star then anything is possible.

Driving a smaller hybrid and planning communi-

ties where you can walk to work or the store might start to seem chic and even fun. There'll be a return of the common sidewalk in the suburbs. Higher gas prices may mean we'll walk any distance under a mile rather than drive to our friend's house three

blocks away. During the 487 days this.

Great Recession has managed to last so far the fact that teenagers are staying in school and studying is the best news that's leaked out yet. Think of all the future trends this is going to change. There will be a lot more pool tables as a result of all of those empty basements where our grown children would have been residing.

Instead, they'll all be at work using that fancy education that they actually sat through and studied and graduated from with a career in mind. It's all very heady stuff.

They may even start to look at the consequences of other actions like marrying someone they met online after three months of dating. Marriage may start to see a downturn but perhaps the idea of dating for awhile will see a bump.

All sorts of responsible behavior may spill out of this ecopomic downtu It's like Santa came ea but he was wearing a rea nice three piece suit a carrying a briefcase. Tl time instead of having to childlike and well behav to get what we wante which frankly was exa ly how we behaved the past couple of decades, all had to finally grow t Even our kids have f ured this one out and now leading us by th improved example. It's we

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Analysis: Court opening may animate liberal cause

WASHINGTON (AP) President Barack Obama has tried to hold off debate on contentious

social issues such as abortion, immigration and gay rights as he focuses on the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Supreme Court vacancy will make that harder to

Political battles over new justices tend to center on those types of social issues far more than on economic and foreign affairs, which have dominated the opening months of Obama's administra-

Some liberals have criticized Obama for postponing efforts to revamp immigration laws, protect access to abortion, and allow gays to serve openly in the military. The president has taken the heat from his political base, hoping to avoid getting bogged down on a volatile issue early in his term, as President Bill Clinton did on the question of gays in the military.

The strategy has worked so far. Even the grumbling liberals are, on balance, happy to have Obama in the White House after occupied Congress and the general public.

But the process to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter could pump new oxygen into national debates over abortion, immigration, minority rights, limits to privacy and other matters that often animate large grassroots organizations, which have been comparatively quiet in recent months.

"There's no doubt these debates are coming back," said Matt Bennett, vice president of the centrist Democratic group Third Way. They might create more noise than suspense, he said, because there is little doubt that the Democratic-dominated Senate will confirm Obama's eventual choice. Liberal activists will "fall in line" even if they are not entirely satisfied with administration's progress on their pet issues, Bennett

Obama has tried to push several of these social issues to the political background. At his news conference Wednesday, he said a bill important to abortion-rights advocates is not his highest priority. Access to abortion must be protected, he said, but "the most important thing we can do to tamp down some of the anger surrounding this issue is to focus on those areas that we can agree on."

He was similarly noncommittal on immigration, which his aides see as one of the most difficult and emotional political issues around. As a candidate, Obama said the nation must devise a way to help millions of illegal

immigrants achieve les status if they follow co tain guidelines. But he h been mostly silent on t subject since his electic On Wednesday, he su gested he's at the mercy a slow-moving Congre which has proven unat to agree about immigrati

for years. "Ultimately, I doi have control of the le islative calendar," Obar said, "and so we're goi to work with legislati leaders to see what we c

do."

A Supreme Court non nation process threa ens to amplify criticisi of Obama from libera Relatively few have add their voices so far to criti from the right. But the who have spoken out a likely to get more atte tion, and perhaps mc

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Around town

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Bethany Joy Jaramillo was born March 5 at 1:20 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo to Christopher and Rachel Jaramillo of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed into the world by a sister, Anna Jaramillo; and grandparents Willy and Doris Jaramillo of Pampa and John and Echo Williams of Monticello, Utah and great grandmothers Lavana O'Steen, Borger, Texas and Cresencia Jaramillo Castaneda, Fort Worth, Texas. The dress she is wearing was hand-sewn by her great-grandmother, Lavana O'Steen, for the infant's grandmother, Doris, in 1951.

Rotary Club improves record with win against Cabot

Rotary Club improved its record to 2-0 on Thursday night by defeating Cabot by a score of 13-2. Ethan Hunt improved his record to 2-0 by pitching 2 innings, giving up 0 runs on 0 hits, he struck out 4 and walked 1. Blayne Troxell pitched 1 1/3 innings, giving up 2 runs on 2 hits and Thomas Haley pitched 1 2/3, giving up 0 runs, 0 hits while striking out 3 and walking

Cade Engle led the team by going 2-2 with 3 RBI's and scoring 3 runs. Haley

added a double and 2 runs scored, Hunt had a single and 2 runs scored and Aaron McKinney-Danner had a single. Luis Chavez added an RBI single and Julian Silva went 1-1 with a walk and a single and scored 2 runs.

Opening day is Saturday May 2nd. Cabot takes on Panhandle at 11:00, Glo Valve plays Claude at 1:00 and Rotary will play Clarendon at 3:00.

The Pampa Optimist club is a United Way agency.

Wild Hogs: No Signs of Flu Danger

You may catch the flu from your sick hunting buddy, but there's no evidence that you will catch it from domestic or wild hogs, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). There is no evidence that the new strain of H1N1 influenza is in domestic or wild hogs. This disease is being spread from person

to person. "We are prepared to test hogs, if a human/animal disease link is identified. To date, there has been no indication that swine are involved," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas state veterinarian and head of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "We are participating on all calls with health and emergency officials, are monitoring the situation, and are consulting with local officials, but so far, there is no indication of animal-to-human

disease spread." "Several hunters have asked about the safety of hunting wild hogs," said Dr. Hillman. "To repeat, there is no evidence that wild hogs are involved in this flu outbreak. Always, however, we advise wild hog hunters to protect themselves against potential exposure to swine brucellosis, a totally different disease that is not related in any way to the flu. We know from test results that

about 10 percent of wild hogs carry swine brucellosis, a bacterial disease."

"When processing or butchering a wild hog, hunters should protect themselves against the blood and bodily fluids of wild hogs," he said. "When the wild hog meat is cooked, any swine brucellosis bacteria is destroyed by the heat.

Trappers who catch wild hogs and owners of domestic swine also should practice good biosecurity to prevent spreading the flu to pigs. "Don't get around swine if you become ill, and avoid having visitors near your pigs," said Dr. Hillman. "Have someone else feed the animals if you become ill with flu-like symptoms. Notify your health department or the TAHC so your pigs can be monitored for disease. Also, as a basic biosecurity measure, you should always wash your hands after handling animals."

Dr. Hillman said wild hog trappers and domestic swine owners should call their veterinarian if their swine develop a sudden onset of respiratory illness. The nearest TAHC area office or TAHC headquarters also should be notified so testing can be conducted according to the flu response protocol. The TAHC headquarters may be reached at 800-550-

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Cielo holds Earth Day Wind Ba

of Austin, held its annual Earth Day Wind Ball in Vega on April 13 and awarded scholarships to students from around the area. To qualify, students wrote an essay about being stewards of the Earth and how they will continue to pursue that role.

Panhandle scholarship recipients include Shelley Fangman of Vega High School, Anna Rebecca Johnson of Adrian High School, Amelia Taylor of Clarendon High School, Trent Daniel Britten of Groom High School, Skyler Michele Conatser of Hedley High School, Chase Bohler of McLean School, Keslie Satterwhite

of Panhandle High School and Tim Poland and Thomas Rapstine of White Deer High School.

Rory Schepisi, owner of Boot Hill Saloon in Vega and a former finalist on Next Food Network Star, provided a suitably Earthfriendly meal of organic beef tenderloin, and guests picked up ponderosa pine seedlings to plant. (Never discount a free tree in the Panhandle.)

Cielo is a privately held company that develops, owns and operates wind power facilities in the Southwest. Its latest local venture was the Wildorado Wind Ranch, right on the way to Vega from Amarillo. It sold a

large interest in the venture to Edison Mission, of California, but the companies are working on the second phase that should stretch from Wildorado to

line along the Canadian River Breaks.

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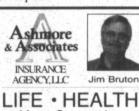
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T-Ball begins season with cold weather

T-ball started Tuesday night with overcast skies and a cold wind blowing but that did not stop The Wood Group and Perforators Panhandle t-ball teams from playing hard. T-ball is for 5 and 6 year olds and no score is kept and every player gets to bat each inning. The Wood Group takes the

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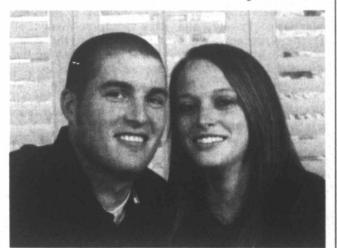
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Around town

Hopkins, Camden to wed July 18

Maggie Hopkins of Pampa and James Camden of Weatherford, Okla. plan to wed July 18 at the Open Range bldg. in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Marshall and Kim Hopkins of Pampa and the granddaughter of Joe and Joan Mabry, Lynn and Sherilan Ketchersid, all of Pampa, and Jerald Sims of Canadian. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2007 and is currently attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she is majoring in Elementary Education. The future groom is the son of David and Joy Camden of Weatherford and the grandson of Lucille Frizzell of Lockney. He graduated



from Weatherford High School in 2004 and from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2008 with a degree in History Education. He is cur-

rently employed with the Weatherford Independent School District. plan to make their home in Weatherford.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

•The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Regional Teachers Conference, planned for May 2 in San Antonio, Texas, has been cancelled. Recent outbreaks of swine flu in the area have put public health officials and citizens on alert

"Our first concern is the safety of everyone in the area," said Jan C. Scruggs, founder and president of the Memorial Fund. "We will re-evaluate our regional conference plan once this health issue is resolved.

· The Memorial Fund holds at least one regional teachers conference every year. For more information, contact Lisa Gough at VVMF: (202) 393-0090, ext. 109, lgough@vvmf.org.

· Senior girls interested in learning about College Sorority Recruitment are invited to attend the Panhellenic Mother Daughter Tea. Sunday May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at 1206 Christine St. For questions, contact Shannon Buck 665-7027 or Laura Allen 665-2377

•Pampa Art Club's Annual Art Exhibit will be held on May 5th and 6th at Lovett Library. Entrance will be at the north door. The exhibit will be from 10am.-7pm. on Tues., and from 10am.-4pm. on Wed. The exhibit is open to the public and is free admission.

We will have a Sophomore Parent Meeting on May 12th at 6:00 P.M. in the PHS auditorium to relay information regarding our partnership with Clarendon College and the dual credit opportunities for our students at PHS. Grav County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. Visitors are welcome.

· Members of Crowley, Texas, High

School Class of 1989 are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-

 Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

 USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

· Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

· T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.

· T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.



The Madeline Graves Mini Cheer team, the Twisters, competed in Midwest City, Okalhoma April 18, 2009 and received a Gold Medal and First Place. This was their very first competition. Blayke Breeding and Mika Bell of Miami, Harli Jernigan of Lefors, Jacey Baten of Pampa. Second Row-Kirrah Powell of Borger, Jaycee Garth of Pampa, Samantha Long of Allison, and Olivia Tyler of Miami.

VEEKLY MENUS

Applesauce

Pampa Meals on Wheels Menu Monday, May 4 Corn Dogs Macaroni / Cheese

Tuesday May 5 Mexican Casserole Spanish Rice

Salad

Mixed Fruit

Pinto Beans

Plum Cobbler

Wednesday May 6 Meatloaf Peas/Carrots Potatoe Casserole Pudding

Thursday May7 Chicken Strips Green Beans Sugarless Cake

Friday May 8 Beef Tips Cream Corn Baked Apples Cookies

Pampa Independ School District Menu Monday May 4 Egg rolls or pizza corn Broccoli and cheese Pineapple tidbits Rice pilaf Breakfast: French toast

sticks Tuesday May 5 Crispy taco or chicken nuggets

Pinto beans Burger salad Fresh fruit Cornbread muffin Breakfast: cheese omlet, toast

Wedneday May 6 Pig in a blanket or pizza dippers

Blackeyed peaks Sliced carrots Peaches Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy Thursday, May 7 Chicken fried steak or beef and cheese nachos Whipped poatoes

Green beans

Hot roll Breakfast: donut, sausage patty Friday May 8 Hot & spicy chicken strips or hamburger French fries Burger salad Mixed fruit

Briarwood Kid's Cafe May 7 Enchilada Casserole Salad Dessert

Breakfast: cereal, milk

Wilson Kid's Cafe May 4 Sloppy Joes Chips Dessert

Drink

Drink

May 5 Mac and cheese **English Peas** Salad Dessert Drink

Pampa Senior Citizens Monday....Chicken fried steak pr chili rellenos/ cheese sauce

Mashed potatoes, cheese hominy, beets, pinto beans Slaw, tossed, Jello salad Carrot cake or banana pudding cups

Hot rolls or cornbread Tuesday....Fajita chicken breast/rice or moch filet mignon

Sour crème potatoes, spinach, crème corn, Northern ebans

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad Bostom crème pie or cheery cheesecake

Hot rolls or combread Wednesday....Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice

Mashed potatoes, fried okra, carrots, butter beans Slaw, tossed, Jello salad French vanilla cake or blackberry cobbler Hot rolls or combread

Thursday.... Chicken strips or liver & onions Potatoes/veggiest, green beans, vegetable blend,

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad German chocolate upside down cake or lemon pie Hot rolls or corbread Friday....Catfish7 hushpuppies or tamale pie Potato wedges, broccoli/ cheese sauce, beans

Slaw, tossed, Jello salad Brownies or tapioca cups Garlic bread sticks, hot rolls, cornbread

Student projects will help implement Texas Wildlife Action Plan

call is going out to public and private/nonprofit middle and high schools across the state: Texas Healthy Habitats Grants of up to \$15,000 are now available from the Texas Center for Service-Learning, with applications due June 19. The grants will support students doing servicelearning projects to benefit wildlife and the environment, made possible with a donation from EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. to the Texas Parks and Wildlife

The grants program envisions students partnering with communities and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff and other experts to identify conservation needs and work together to come up with solutions. The students will address priorities in the Texas Wildlife Action Plan, a blueprint to "keep common species common" and avoid more species from becoming threatened and endangered.

The program builds on an existing partnership between TPWD and the Texas Center for Service-Learning (TCSL), a statewide initiative of the Texas Education Agency and the Region 14 Education Service Center. The center improves student achievement through servicelearning, which integrates

community service with academic success.

Grant applications will be accepted through Friday, June 19. For assistance, applicants are invited to participate in Webinars hosted by TxCSL at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23 and 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 22. Complete information is on the center's Web site, including grant application instructions and downloadable forms.

Through grant projects, students will draw on TPWD educational resources and use comprehensive service-learning standards to research and define a local environmental issue, investigate public and organizational policies related to the issue, design and implement a servicelearning project in collaboration with at least two community partners (including TPWD staff), evaluate and publicize the results to public officials and community members, and develop Web profiles for each project that will be integrated into the TPWD

and TCSL Web sites. Grant applicants may ask for up to \$15,000. The money may be used for supplies, substitutes, transportation and training. Requirements include a progress report and a final report, as well as evidence of impact, a Web profile of the work, and one day of

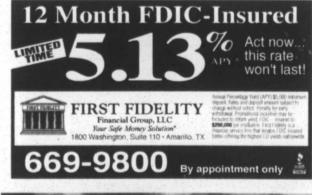
training for grant recipients in Austin in August, before school starts.

Eligible schools include public (including charter) and private nonprofit schools (grades 6-12) applying to coordinate service-learning projects in a public, charter, or private institution, or nonprofit youth-serving organizations that work with public middle or high schools. Schools must have a Tax ID and be a middle or high school located in Texas.

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Around town



Gem Theater to feature E-Flat Porch Band May 2

McKinney folk musicians, the E-Flat Porch Band, will perform at the Armstrong County Museum's Gem Theater in Claude on Saturday May 2. Duane Brown, guitarist for the E-Flat Porch Band, grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School. The E-Flat Porch Band is named for the porch in McKinney, Texas where the members first practiced - it resonates to the key of E-Flat. Duane Brown and Rudy Littrell form the core of the band, entertaining with their unique blend of acoustic "porch music," including folk, Blues, early country, jazz and original tunes. As "angst-free" acoustic musicians, they play serious music without taking themselves too seriously.

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played on acoustic instruments and pays homage to our varied Texas musical roots. It is influenced by Country Blues, Texas folk music, Jazz and swing standards, and Depression Era country songwriters. Instruments include the metal-bodied National guitar, acoustic bass, harmonica, cymbal, and a drumlike instrument of their own design made out of a wooden soda pop box. Up to six instruments will be heard at one time, along with harmonizing vocals.

The band is on the Touring Artist Roster of the Texas Commission on the Arts, and they offer workshops and performances for a variety of age groups. They have been playing together for over 10 years, and have recorded three CDs, Porch Music,

This "Porch Music" is **Storms move across North Texas**

Strong thunderstorms across North Texas on Friday evening brought up to softball-sized hail, said a National Weather Service meteorologist.

A chance of rain was expected across much of the state on Saturday.

Mostly cloudy skies were expected in the Austin area with highs in the mid-80s and wind gusts of up to 25 mph. By evening, there was a 40 percent of showers and thunderstorms.

In the Amarillo area, there was a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with highs in the upper 50s. Mostly cloudy skies were expected by evening with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and lows in the mid-40s.

Pork Chop Night, and No Unauthorized Play.

The performance begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 adults and \$2 children. For reservations call 806-226-2187. For more information: www.armstrongcoun-

Olympics track meet results Pampa Special Olympics Cody Dyer-2nd track athletes braved the cold weather to Dumas on Chase Cook-1st Saturday, April 25, for the Randy Swires-2nd Dumas 1st Annual Special Eric Knott-2nd Olympic track meet.

home with many medals as listed: **Track Events**

Pampa athletes came

25 Meter Walk Amanda Childress-2nd Rachel Holland -1st 50 Meter Dash

Justin Strickland-4th

Joann Morehart-1st

100 Meter Walk Debbie Ellis-2nd Tollie Jinks-3rd Mark McMinn- 2nd Alma Portillo-1st

Kinsey Smith-1st

100 Meter Dash Ashley Abbe-1st Tammy Marshall-1st

Fire officals, busy season in 5 states

BOISE, Idaho (AP) -Federal fire managers predict relentless drought and low snowpack in northern California to bring a busy wildfire season to a region that got scorched last year.

Fire managers also forecast above-normal activity in north-central Washington, southern Arizona, southern New Mexico and west Texas.

Nearly a million acres burned last summer in northern California.

north-central Washington, snow is expected to melt quickly, letting timber, grasses and brush dry out.

The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise released its 2009 Wildland Fire Outlook on Friday

Liberty Bloxum-1st Hector Estrada-3rd Kasey Smith-3rd

Pampa Special

Relay teams

Team # 1-Cody Dyer, Chase Cook, Randy Swires, & Liberty Bloxum -2nd-1:03:15

Team # 2 -Ashley Abbe, Hector Estrada, Eric Knott, Tammy Marshall- 2nd-1:19:01

Field Events Softball Throw Shot-Put Standing Long Jump

Rachel Holland-1s Bloxum-2n Liberty Hector Estrada- 1st Amanda Childress- 1s Randy Swires-3r Running Long Jump Joann Morehart-1s Mark McMinn-1s Chase Cook-1st Justin Strickland-3r Eric Knott-2n Cody Dyer- 2nd Debbie Ellis-Kasey Smith-3r Ashley Abbe-3rd Tollie Jinks-Tammy Marshall-2nd

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Texas claims 41 percent of U.S. land rigs historical production figures

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of April 17 was 380, representing about 41 percent of all active land rigs in the United

States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 347 million barrels of oil and 7.4 trillion cubic feet of natural

Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent oftotal U.S. natural gas demand.

Commission's estimated final production for February 2009 is 27,337,637 barrels of crude oil and 564,572,468 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary February 2009 production totals of 25,501,527 barrels of crude oil and 455,851,811 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0720 for crude oil and 1.2385 for gas well gas.

(These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for March 2009 was 317,439,921 Mcf compared to 223,188,472 Mcf in March 2008. The April 2009 gas storage estimate is 322,358,127 Mcf.

Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial May 2009 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 18,284,166 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial May 2009 allowables, the Commission used

from revious months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables

will be adjusted after actual production for May 2009 is reported.

oil and gas statistics report Texas monthly

MARCH PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,033 original drilling permits in March 2009 compared to 1,754 in March 2008. The March The March total included 840 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 21 to re-enter existing well bores, and 172 for re-completions. Permits issued in March 2009 included 185 oil, 262 gas, 490 oil and gas, 82 injection, zero service and 14 other permits.

FEBRUARY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION Texas

preliminary February 2009 crude oil production averaged 910,769 barrels daily, up from the 907,487 barrels daily average of February 2008.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for February 2009 is 25,501,527 barrels, decrease from 26,317,119 barrels reported during February 2008.

MARCH OIL AND **GAS COMPLETIONS**

In March 2009, operators reported 683 oil, 1,176 gas, 203 injection and six other completions compared to 456 oil, 800 gas, 42 injection and zero other completions during March 2008.

Total well completions for 2009 year to date are 5,252 up from 4,018 recorded during the same period in 2008. Operators reported 395 holes plugged and one dry hole in March 2009 compared to 580 holes plugged and three dry holes in March

FEBRUARY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 510,536,175 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for February 2009, up from the February 2008 preliminary gas production total of 479,246,697

Texas production in February 2009 came from 140,646 oil and 87,160 gas wells.

MARCH TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING **PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY** DISTRICT

RRC District: (1)SAN ANTONIO AREA Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 70

Oil Completions: 17 Gas Completions: 26

District: RRC REFUGIO AREA Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 54 Oil Completions: 4

Gas Completions: 62

RRC District: RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 72 Oil Completions: 6 Gas Completions: 73

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 47

Oil Completions: 39 Gas Completions: 20

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 37

Oil Completions: 81 Gas Completions: 64

RRC District: **MIDLAND** Permits To Drill Qil/Gas

Holes: 215 Oil Completions: 313 Gas Completions: 35

RRC District: LUBBOCK AREA Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 41 Oil Completions: 93

Gas Completions: 6 RRC District: (9) NORTH

TEXAS Permits To Drill Oil/Gas

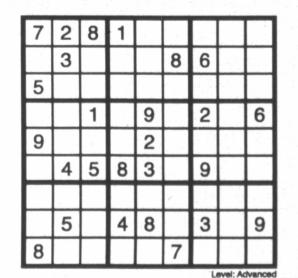
Oil Completions: 59 Gas Completions: 344

District: RRC **PANHANDLE** Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 45

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PHS 2009 Honor Graduates

Honor graduates of Pampa High School Class of 2009 announced

the Pampa Schools, Barry Haenisch, and Tanya Larkin, principal of Pampa High School, have jointly announced that 22 students have attained the rank of honor graduate for the Class of 2009. Two students carry the highly earned distinction of a Superintendent Scholar.

To be an honor graduate at Pampa High, a student is required to be in the top 10 percent of the graduating class. To achieve the honor of a superintendent scholar, a student must have scored a 1900 or more on the SAT exam and/or a 29 on the ACT exam in addition to completing four or more Advanced Placement Courses, and participating in the PSAT Exam as a Junior. They must also strive to be a member of the National Honor Society.

These honor graduates, superintendent scholars, and their parents will be honored Tuesday, May 5, 2009, during the school's annual Honor Banquet.

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Valedictorian Diana Mechelay

Taledictorian Diana Mechelay, a Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.477. Diana is the daughter of Joe and Edie Mechelay. She is Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Senior Class Vice President, Secretary of the PHS Concert Choir, and a Senior Cheerleader Captain. She earned the distinction of Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. She has won subject academic awards in Chemistry, Biology, English, and Latin. Her co-curricular activities include National Honor Society, UCA and ACA All Star Cheerleading, UIL Academics, and Choir. She plans to attend Texas A & M University and pursue a Biomedical Science Degree.



Salutatorian Brenna Albracht

♥alutatorian, Brenna Albracht, a Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.346. Brenna is the daughter of Jack and Jana Albracht. She is Vice President of the PHS Student Body and the National Honor Society, and the President of Rotary Interact. She has qualified for Regional UIL Science competition for two years, and earned the distinction of Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. Her

uperintendent of co-curricular activities include Students Against Destructive Decisions, Show Choir, Tennis, and she is a student mentor at Wilson Elementary School. She plans to attend Baylor University, and major in Biology.



Cole Guyer

ole Guyer, the son of Craig and Lori Guyer, is ranked third in the class, with a grade point average of 4.304. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ACT scores. He is a member of the Swim Team; and he is a state qualifier in both Swimming and TSA. He is an Eagle Scout, and active in Boy Scouts of America. He plans to attend West Texas A & M University and major in Mechanical Engineering



Matthew Smith

atthew Smith, son of Charles and Karen Smith, is ranked fourth in his class, with a grade point average of 4.279. He is president of the PHS Choir, and a member of the Show Choir. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ ACT scores. His co-curricular activities include Varsity Basketball / All-District Basketball, Latin Club, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and complete an Architectural Master's Program.



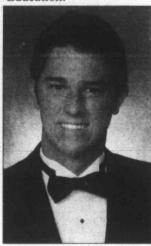
Hailey Nies

ailey Nies, the daughter of Paul Land Chris Nies, is ranked fifth in the class, with a grade point average of 4.244. Hailey is the Treasurer of the PHS Student Body, a member of the National Honor Society, and a Senior Cheerleader Captain. She is a regional qualifier in Cross Country Track, and a state qualifier in Power Lifting. Her co-curricular activities include Cheerleading, Soccer, Track, and Power Lifting. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Broadcast Journalism.



Ashlyn McNeely

shlyn McNeely, the daughter of Lane and Janet McNeely, is ranked sixth in the class, with a grade point average of 4.177. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and has won numerous Academic Team Awards. Her co-curricular activities include UIL Academic Team, Women's Choir, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Tennis, ASTRA, and she is a member of the American Sign Language Club. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University and major in Elementary Education.



Blake Sieck

lake Sieck, the son of Kevin and Tisha Sieck, is ranked seventh in the class, with a grade point average of 4.176. Blake is the PHS Student Body President, a member of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ ACT scores. His co-curricular activities include Baseball, Basketball, and Show Choir. He plans to attend Hardin Simmons or Abilene Christian University and play baseball. He also plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as an



Dayla Newman

Newman. daughter Bobby and Charlotte Hendricks, is ranked eighth in the class, with a grade point average of 4.086. Dayla is Secretary of the National Honor Society.

She was on the Dean's

list at Clarendon College for the 2008-2009 year. She is a Captain on the soccer team, and received the award of All-District, Honorable Mention in Soccer. Co-curricular activities include Students Against Destructive Decisions, Gray County 4-H, Soccer, and Cross Country Track. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in General Business, and then go to law school.



Jessica Baggerman

essica Baggerman, the daughter of John Mark and Lora Baggerman, is ranked ninth in the class, with a grade point average of 4.081. She is a member of the National Honor Society, an All-American Scholar, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ACT scores. She is Secretary for District 1 4-H Council. She is a member of the Gray County 4-H, and a four year state qualifier in 4-H. She is also a member of Future Farmers of America, and Students Against Destructive She plans to Decisions. attend Oklahoma State University and major in Animal Science with a Pre-Veterinary Option.



John Luke Covalt

Tohn Luke Covalt, the son of Monte and Laura Covalt, is ranked tenth in the class, with a grade point average of 4.078. John Luke is Vice President of the PHS Choir, and a member of the Show Choir. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ ACT scores. He is on the first Team Academic. His co-curricular activities include Baseball, Football/ All-State Football, Track and Basketball. He plans to attend Abilene Christian University and study predental and then become an Orthodontist.



Courtney Linn

ourtney Linn. the daughter of Melanie Carter, is ranked 11th in the class, with a grade point average of 3.998. She is a member of the National Honor Society, co-editor of "The Little Harvester", and a member of ASTRA. She is a NASA High School Aerospace Scholar. She is a member of the PHS Band, and has received four superior ratings in Band U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Competition. She plans to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to major in Aerospace Engineering and Space Physics. After receiving two Bachelor Degrees, she plans to go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and obtain a Doctorate in either Astrophysics or Aerospace



Andrew Hatcher

ndrew Hatcher, the son of Darla Watson and stepson of Shawn Watson, is ranked twelfth in his class, with a grade point average of 3.952. He is President of the National Honor Society, and Editor of "The Little Harvester". He is a member of the PHS Band, and qualified for State Solo and Ensemble for three years. He has also qualified for Regional UIL Academic. He is involved in Theatre Arts, and was in the All-Star Cast for One Act Play. His Co-curricular activities include Band, Speech and Debate, and Theatre Arts. He plans to attend St. Edward's University and major in Communications



Coleby West

Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ACT Awards. He is a member of the PHS Choir and Show Choir, and has qualified for All Region Choir for three years. His cocurricular activities include Football, Golf, Choir, and Spanish Club. He plans to attend South Plains College, and double major in Commercial Music and Chemistry.



Shelby Needham

helby Needham, the daughter of Cyndy Needham and Jerry Tomaschik, and Terry and Lisa Needham, is ranked fourteenth in the class with a grade point average of 3.908. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ACT scores. She received Academic Subject Awards for Biology, Physics, and Beginning Newspaper. She qualified for UIL Regional Alternate in Journalism. Her co-curricular activities include Tennis, Band, Newspaper and UIL Academics. She plans to attend the University of North Texas, major in Biology, and then pre-med.



Chandler Talley

handler Talley, daughter the of Orville and Kendra Blades, and Kim Talley, is ranked fifteenth in the class with a grade point average of 3.893. She is Chaplain of the PHS Student Body, Vice President of the Concert Choir, Historian for the National Honor Society, and a Senior Cheerleader Captain. She earned the distinction of Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. She is a member of the Volleyball team, and received honorable Mention in All-District Volleyball. She is also a member of the Track team, and a two year regional Track qualifier. She plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Communications.

oleby West, the son of Billy and Mistie West, is ranked thirteenth in the class, with a grade point average of 3.938. He is a member of the National

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PHS 2009 Honor Graduates

Honor graduates



Eric Freelen

Christa Holt

Tric Freelen, the hrista ◀ son of Tony and daughter of Tina Holt, is ranked ranked sixteenth in the class with a grade point average of 3.87. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and has received various academic subject awards. His cocurricular activities include football, DECA, ASTRA, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He plans to attend West Texas A & M University Award. and major in Mechanical Engineering.



April Silva pril Silva, daughter of Daniel and Cindy Silva, is ranked seventeenth in the class with a grade point average of 3.827. She is Committee Chairman for the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Award for SAT/ ACT scores. She received the BCIS Subject Award. She is also a member of the Soccer Team, and received the Honorable Mention All-District Soccer Award. Her co-curricular activities include Students Against Destructive Decisions, Soccer, Volleyball, and

Choir. She plans to attend

Texas Tech University

and major in Biology,

then attend an optometry

school



ties include DECA, UIL Academics, Choir, and German Club / German Poetry Club. She plans to attend the University of North Texas, and major in Computer Science.



Will McKay

Till McKay, son of Rex and Robin McKay, is ranked nineteenth in the class with a grade point average of 3.802. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ACT He is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, and he is on All-American the PHS Student Council. He is also a member of the PHS Choir and Show Choir, and All-Region Choir. He plans to attend Texas Tech University, and major in Mechanical Engineering.



Jessica Miner

essica Miner, daugh-

ter of Jimmy and

Janice Miner, is

ranked twentieth in the

class with a grade point

average of 3.781. She

is Historian for the PHS

Student Body, and a mem-

ber of the National Honor

Society. She is a member

of the PHS Girls Basketball

team and received MVP,

Best Defensive Player,

and AMA Tech Tel All

Tournament. She was the

PHS Homecoming Queen

and Basketball Sweetheart.

She is also a member

of the PHS Volleyball

team and received Best

Offensive Player, Lu Allen

Memorial All Tournament,

and Honorable Mention.

Co-curricular activities

include Choir, Volleyball,

plans to attend Redlands

Community College on

a volleyball scholarship,

obtain her Associates

Degree in Psychology, and

then obtain her Bachelor's

Degree in either Behavioral Science or Psychology

and Basketball.

Jennifer Huffhines

Tennifer Huffhines,

daughter of Steve and

Becky Huffhines, is

Wall

Scholar,

ranked twenty-first in the

class, with a grade point

of Fame Honor for SAT/

ACT Scores; she is an

and received the Wildlife

Management Academic

Award. She was also the

2007 Rodeo "Rookie of the

Year", and the 2007 Miss

Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen.

Her co-curricular activi-

ties include Rodeo, Future

Farmers of America, Gray

County 4-H, Concert Choir,

and Swim Team.

average of 3.771.

received the PHS

Tonya Kiper

onya Kiper, daughter of Willard and Christine Kiper, is ranked twenty-second in the class with a grade point average of 3.753. She is Parliamentarian of the National Honor Society, and received the PHS Wall of Fame Honor for SAT/ACT scores. She is a member of the Swim Team, and qualified for Regionals. She has been the Harvey Mascot for two years. Her co-curricular activities include Students Destructive Against Decisions, Concert Choir, UIL Academics, and swimming. She plans to attend University of Oklahoma, and major in Mechanical and Civil Engineering.



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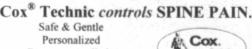
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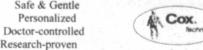
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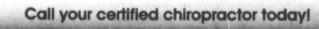
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School had long week as illness became outbreak

SAMANTHA GROSS Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -Felicia Mooradian is a prisoner in her own room.

The teenager leaves her sickbed only for trips to the bathroom. If she needs a glass of water, she summons her mother on her cell phone. Her body aches, she feels weak, and her throat is painfully sore. At one point, her fever hit 103.5.

If she tries to read, she gets dizzy. If she tries to watch a video, her head

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Felicia knows the likely culprit for her hellish week: swine flu. Over the last week, as hundreds of her fellow students have also fallen sick, St. Francis Preparatory School has become the site of the largest swine flu outbreak in the U.S.

Days after dozens of students were lined up outside the nurse's office, with vomit on the floors, many of Felicia's classmates are feeling better. Some are taking trips to the beach.

But Felicia's fever hasn't broken for five days. She's still waiting.

Before the illness became an outbreak, it all started with a sun-splashed trip to

Esti Lamonaca had only weeks left to her senior year, and now she had seven days and six nights to spend on the beach in Cancun with a group of 11 close friends, seven of them classmates at St. Francis Prep. Their allinclusive resort had it all: a string of restaurants offer-

ing everything from sushi to pizza, as well as massages and a nightly disco. They spent days lounging on the sand or swimming at the pool. After dark, they hit the nightlife of the Cancun strip.

On the flight back home Sunday, April 19, they all felt fine. The words "swine flu" still hadn't appeared in the news.

By Tuesday, Lamonaca was home sick.

Taking her seat in English class Thursday morning, back in the daily routine after a spring break spent at home, Abigail Medina-Masilang was determined to take her exam. She woke up with chest pains and a dry cough, but she definitely did not want a make-up test hanging over her head.

While sitting there, though, she started feeling really hot inside. When the 17-year-old senior finally gave up and headed for the tiny nurse's office, she found eight or nine people ahead of her, sitting in chairs in the hallway. And the crowd kept growing.

In classes, everyone was talking about the flood of students heading home sick. One teacher said it must be a senior prank. But the crowd at the nurse's office wasn't just seniors. Some students started wondering: The windows aren't open, could the seniors have released something into the school

Back at the nurse's office, one student threw up right in front of the door. Security guards were taking temperatures; secretaries were brought over to help. School nurse Mary Pappas looked at the long line of students outside her

door: Something wasn't right. She picked up the phone to call the New York City Health Department.

Amid the chaos - students on their cell phones calling their parents to arrange rides, administrators trying to find cabs for those whose parents couldn't come - sophomore Rachel Mele sat quietly, unable to catch her breath. Her throat hurt so badly she almost couldn't bear it. She was shaking.

By that night, Rachel's mother was terrified. Her usually bright-cheeked and talkative 16-year-old was drawn and shivering. She couldn't swallow or drink any liquids. And she was having trouble breathing.

"I've never felt a pain like that before," Rachel said later. "My throat, it was burning, like, it was the worst burning sensation I ever got before. ... I couldn't even let up air. I could barely breathe through my mouth."

Her mom and dad bundled her into the family car and headed for the hospital. She worried: What was wrong with her? Would she have to stay overnight? Once there, she got a text message from a friend warning about a chemical sprayed at the school. Rachel wondered — was she poisoned?

The doctors and nurses ran blood tests and did a chest x-ray — but they found nothing wrong. They told her the breathing problems could be the result of a panic attack. No one was thinking about the new strain of flu just beginning to be mentioned in the

On Friday, no one could miss the evidence that something was wrong. Someone moved the chairs for the sick students from a side corridor into the main hallway, where they were piling up again. By the end of the day, 80 students would go home sick. The day before, the total was 102.

Walking by, Jennifer Maurer, the editor of the school newspaper, hadn't yet realized that a piece of a global health crisis was unfolding right here in the crowded corridor. The students were arranged in rows. She saw pale faces and pained expressions. Some were bent over in their chairs, looking like they might puke.

Health Department investigators were already wondering if these could be the first New York cases of the illness that was ravaging Mexico. They assembled a team, gathered the supplies to swab students' noses and began driving from Manhattan to Queens.

They got stuck in a bad traffic jam, spending an hour and a half on the Long Island Expressway — their chance to test the crowd of ailing students slowly slipping away. By the time they got to St. Francis at 3:30 p.m., almost everyone was gone. They grabbed the handful of kids at the school, and tracked down a few more at a nearby doctor's office. Nasal swabs were sent off by plane to a federal lab in Atlanta.

By nighttime, people started turning on the local news. At least one station was showing a graphic of a pig with a syringe. They learned a new term: swine

Looking back, senior Abby Opam says, it's so easy to see how the sickness could have spread. St. Francis is the largest Roman Catholic high school in the U.S., with 2,700 uniform-wearing students spilling into a few main hallways as they move from class to class.

Quarters are tight. And teenagers are not always big on personal space. They share drinks all the time. They hug when they see each other. When they pass in the hallway, it's common to squeeze a friend's face in greeting. On Wednesday, when the illness was already silently moving among the crowd, she remembers seeing a boy and a girl stop to kiss each other on the cheek as they walked between classes.

Like most of them, Abby hadn't been vacationing at any exotic destination. But by Saturday, she had started coughing.

On the same day, a masked crew entered the school to disinfect the place, scrubbing down every desk, chair and classroom. A calculus review planned for Saturday was canceled. And soon, the mayor had started holding press conferences.

On Monday, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said most students were beginning to feel better. By the next day, Abby was. So was Rachel, and so was

Some students headed to the beach to enjoy an extended spring break, with school called off for the week.

improving. By Wednesday morning, the first U.S. death — a boy in Texas, who wasn't yet 2 - was confirmed.

Stuck in her Queens bedroom, Felicia is still feeling miserable.

Her throat is hurting, worse than before. Her fever's still hovering at 101.5 and it will be another day before it breaks. She and her friends didn't get to go to Cancun - but still, she's home sick.

With her Advanced Placement exams scheduled to start Monday and no indication they'll be delayed, she's been trying to study but it's been difficult. She has adjusted the fonts on her laptop to gigantic sizes so she can read for short stretches.

She wishes the doctors had given her Tamiflu at the hospital Saturday. She says two doctors and a nurse, all wearing masks, examined her and told her she didn't have swine flu, saying her symptoms would have been worse if she was infected. They sent her home with a Tylenol.

Now it's Wednesday and she's worried about her 2-year-old brother, who seems far too close to all her toxic germs.

At 7 a.m., she got a breaking news text message about the death in Texas.

"I really just want to get well and go outside. I feel really anxious this morning about my brother because that toddler from Texas died," she wrote in an e-mail, her voice too hoarse to talk. "I told my mother to call the doc-But others weren't tor right away and see

Investors see bright future in wind energy and turbines mostly due to inadequate

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — When President Barack Obama stood in front of wind turbine towers in a Newton, Iowa, factory last week he was not only pushing his green energy policies but promoting an industry that has been growing rapidly and gaining favor with inves-

Revenue from solar, wind power, ethanol and biodiesel fuel grew 50 percent to about \$116 billion last year, according to Clean Edge Inc., a research and publishing firm. The spike in green revenue, and the backing of the federal government to explore these energy sources has excited investors.

favor "They green investment right now because they think that's the way the world is going," said David Wood, director of the Institute for Responsible Investment at Boston College's Center for Corporate Citizenship.

The federal stimulus package includes \$17 billion for the current fiscal year to upgrade and expand the antiquated national power grid. It also allocates \$11 billion to develop a smart grid an electronically controlled distribution system that will be much more efficient.

All told, last year global investments in energy technologies expanded by 4.7 percent to \$155 billion, according to research and consulting company New Energy Finance Ltd.

"The smartest investors put their own personal prejudices aside," said Jeff Siegel, managing editor of Green Chip Stocks, an investment advisory service. "Many people think global warming is propaganda, but they're aware that the bottom line is climate change legislation is going to happen. Investors smart enough to realize this know there's an opportunity there."

THE WIND INDUSTRY Investors looking to put their cash into an area that's seen tremendous growth might look to wind energy, said Ron Pernick, a spokesman for Clean Edge Inc. Wind has jumped ahead of other green energy sources because innovations in turbine technology (think: windmills) have improved the efficiency and made systems the most cost effective alternative. Turbines can generate electricity with wind speeds starting at 8 to 16 miles per hour according to the U.S. Department of

Energy. Turbines are typically built in groups on wind farms where the wind is the strongest. The largest U.S. wind farm is near Abilene, Texas, with 421 turbines scattered across 47,000 acres.

"Of all renewable energy sectors, this is the one reaching the largest scale right now," Pernick said.

Another reason wind surged to the forefront is because many states passed standards that require that a percentage of the state's electricity to be made from renewable energy sources.

California, Iowa, Oregon and Texas are among those with such goals. That pushes utility companies such as AES Corp, Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy to invest in wind farm ownership or at least buy a portion of their energy from wind providers to meet the minimum green energy requirements.

THE PLAYERS Because it's an emerging technology, investors may choose to get involved by owning a piece of larger conglomerates such as General Electric Co. Its energy division lead the industry in newly installed turbines in the U.S. last year. It provided roughly 48 percent of the more than 5,000 turbines installed according to the American Wind Energy Association.

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This added an additional

3,657 megawatts. In its 2008 annual report,

GE said its energy division brought in 21 percent of revenue for the year. That includes technologies developed to harness wind, oil, gas and water.

The division has seen a 53 percent increase in revenue over the past three years and a 73 percent increase in profit due to worldwide demand for energy and alternative sources of power.

GE shares are trading in the \$12 range, well off their 52-week high of \$34.

Trinity Structural Towers, the Iowa company President Obama visited last week, is a division of Dallas-based Trinity Industries Inc. (TRN), a diversified company with railroad car, highway construction materials and wind turbine tower divi-

sions. Shares of the company have gained nearly 18 percent since Obama's visit. They were trading 12 percent higher, near \$15 a share and have traded between \$6 and \$41 over the last year.

But significant growth in wind turbine installations was propelled forward by many European manufacturers. They've set up factories and distribution centers in the United States to meet demand for turbines, blades, and other

large components that are too expensive to import.

Many are traded in the United States including Vestas Wind Systems (VWSYF), which was second only to GE in terms of the wind power it supplied last year — some 1,120 megawatts.

Siemens AG (SI), the German industrial conglomerate, with 791 megawatts, was third in terms of installed capacity.

Other leaders investors may look to are Spain's Gamesa Corp. and Britain's Clipper Windpower, both considered pure play companies because they focus just on wind energy production.

CONSIDERATIONS Because many wind energy companies are foreign-based there are always geopolitical and currency risks to weigh. Investors also will want to be wary of emerging companies with unproven ideas. At a minimum, you'll want to be sure that the company is well capitalized and has a strong business model.

When investing in a fund, such as an exchange traded fund, Siegel of Green Chip Stocks recommends making sure it is balanced. Some funds are very sector specific, focusing on solar stocks, for example. If something were to happen to impact that industry such as a shortage of the electronic components that convert sunlight to electricity, your entire fund could crash. There are funds such as Market Vectors Global Alternative Energy ETF Trust (GEX), which includes wind, solar, geothermal and other business types.

As you look for investment opportunities, be aware that the global economic slump began hitting the renewable energy sector hard late last year and it's continued into the first

Global new investment in clean energy fell 53 percent to \$13 billion in the first quarter of this year compared with the same period a year ago. That's

bank financing, a result of the credit crunch and low stock market confidence from the continuing reces-In the United States,

financing of new projects fell by \$500 million, down from \$5 billion in the first quarter of 2008. Analysts at New Energy Finance said the dramatic fall illustrates how badly government stimulus money needs to begin flowing to businesses.

So, whether you're interested in investing directly into a green energy company, or seeking out a mutual fund, you have many choices to consider if you've been thinking of a greener investment strat-

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Immigrants push for reforms at rallies across US

MIAMI. (AP) — Immigrants and their families gathered at rallies across the country Friday to push for changes to U.S. immigration policy, but as a swine flu outbreak continued to spread, attendance at some events was smaller than organizers had hoped.

The area hardest hit by the swine flu is Mexico, also the native home of many rally participants. There were no immediate reports of canceled events, but Juan Pablo Chavez, a Tampa-based community organizer for the Florida Immigration Coalition, said he and others were monitoring the situation and in close contact with state health care officials.

"If they tell us to halt the events, we will cancel immediately. But for now, we are simply asking people who are sick not to come out," Chavez said.

Organizers are seeking to channel the political muscle Hispanics showed last fall in support of then-presidential candidate Barack Obama. They hope that energy will jump-start stalled efforts to pass an immigration law that provides a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants living in the United States.

They had hoped crowds would equal or exceed those of last year, down from the 2006 turnout, when a stringent immigration bill poised to pass in Congress, drew massive protests.

Thousands were expected at events in Houston, Los

Angeles, Chicago, New York and other cities — mostly in the late afternoon, when workers finished their shifts. But early reports suggested turnout would be far lower than in previous years.

In Chicago, rally-goers chanted and carried signs demanding citizenship opportunities as they gathered at Union Park, and unfurled a banner of flags stitched together from countries across the globe. Organizers said they expected about 15,000 at the event, but the crowd appeared to be much small-

Waukegan resident Armando Pena said he was disappointed that more people didn't turn out and blamed the low numbers on a combination of the flu and tough economic times.

"The economy is so bad they don't want to lose their jobs," said Pena, who organized a contingent of about 50 people.

A line of about 225 marchers made their way down the main thoroughfare in New Jersey's largest city Friday, stopping to recite chants and gather for a vigil in front of the federal immigration building in Newark.

The marchers were led by dozens of Latin American immigrant ice cream vendors wheeling pushcarts decorated with bright umbrellas and covered in signs. One read "Say Reform, Not Raids."

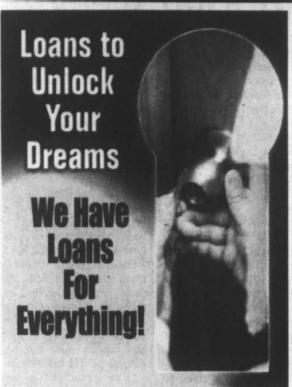
In Miami, activists planned to gather downtown across from the tur-

quoise waters of Biscayne Bay for a rally and march. They also want temporary protection for the state's large community of Haitian immigrants, whose native island has been devastated in recent years by hurricanes and floods.

In New York City, participants were set to gather in Union Square. Immigrant, labor and faith communities gathered under a light drizzle at Madison Square Park.

Activists' hopes have been buoyed with Obama in the White House and

a Democratic-controlled Congress, in part because they believe the Hispanic vote, about two-thirds of which went to Obama, helped flip key battleground states such as Colorado and New Mexico.



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135th Kentucky Derby

Derby entries

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at the 20 3-yearolds entered in Saturday's 135th running of the Kentucky Derby. All horses carry 126 pounds, horses in post position order with morning line odds:< No. 1 West Side Bernie,

;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;0;1;1;\$174,400 2008;4;2;1;0;\$232,960 Life;7;2;2;1;\$407,360 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Bernstein (Storm Cat)

Dam: Time Honored (Gilded Time) Trainer — Kelly Breen. Stewart Jockey Elliott.

No. 2 Musket Man, 20-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;4;3;0;1;\$515,000 2008;2;2;0;0;\$57,600 Life;6;5;0;1;\$572,600 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Yonaguska (Cherokee Run) Dam: Fortuesque (Fortunate Prospect) Trainer — Derek Ryan. Jockey — Eibar Coa.

No. 3 Mr. Hot Stuff, 30-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;4;1;0;3;\$147,120 2008;3;0;0;0;\$3,440 Life;7;1;0;3;\$150,560 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy) Dam: Sweet Damsel

(Turkoman) Trainer — Eoin Harty. John Jockey Velazquez.

No. 4 Advice, 30-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;1;0;1;\$224,240 2008;3;1;0;1;\$37,645 Life;6;2;0;2;\$261,885 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Chapel Royal (Montbrook) Dam: World o' Wisdom

(Hennessy) Trainer — Todd Pletcher. Jockey — Rene Douglas.

No. 5 Hold Me Back, 15-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;2;1;1;0;\$432,000 2008;3;2;0;0;\$55,274 Life;5;3;1;0;\$487,274 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat) Restraint Dam:

(Unbridled's Song) Trainer — Bill Mott. Jockey Kent Desormeaux.

No. 6 Friesan Fire, 5-1

;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;3;0;0;\$540,000 2008;4:1:1:1:\$63,265 Life;7;4;1;1;\$603,265 Bay colt. Sire: A.P. Indy (Seattle

Slew) Dam: Bollinger (Dehere) Trainer — Larry Jones. Jockey — Gabriel Saez.

No. 7 Papa Clem, 20-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;1;2;0;\$760,000 2008;3;1;0;0;\$30,940 Life;6;2;2;0;\$790,940 Bay colt. Sire: Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector)

Dam: Miss Houdini (Belong to Me) Trainer — Gary Stute. Jockey Rafael Bejarano.

No. 8 Mine That Bird, 50-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;2;0;1;0;\$70,000 2008;6;4;0;0;\$304,381 Life:8;4;1;0;\$374,381 Bay gelding. Birdstone Sire: (Grindstone) Dam: Mining My Own (Smart Strike) Trainer Bennie Woolley. Jockey — Calvin Borel.

No. 9 Join the Dance, ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;0;1;1;\$86,200 2008;5;1;2;0;\$78,020 Life;8;1;3;1;\$164,220 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Sky Mesa (Pulpit) Dam: Dance Darling (Devil's Bag) Trainer — Todd Pletcher.

Jockey — Chris DeCarlo. No. 10 Regal Ransom,

30-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;1;2;0;\$1,260,000 2008;2;1;0;0;\$37,200 Life;5;2;2;0;\$1,297,200 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Distorted Humor (Forty Niner) Dam: Kelli's Ransom

(Red Ransom) Trainer — Saeed bin Suroor.

Jockey — Alan Garcia.

No. 11 Chocolate Candy,

;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;2;1;0;\$330,000 2008;6;2;1;1;\$202,500 Life;9;4;2;1;\$532,500 Bay colt. Sire: Candy Ride (Ride the Rails)

Dam: Crownette (Seattle Slew) Trainer

Hollendorfer. Jockey — Mike Smith.

No. 12 General Quarters, 20-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;4;2;1;0;\$604,000 2008;7;1;2;1;\$37,735 Life; 11;3;3;1;\$641,735 Gray/roan colt. Sire: Sky Mess (Pulpit) Dam: Ecology (Unbridled's Song) Trainer Tom McCarthy. Jockey Julien Leparoux.

No. 13 I Want Revenge,

;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;2;0;1;\$624,000 2008;5;1;1;3;\$192,000 Life;8;3;1;4;\$816,000 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Stephen Got Even (A.P. Indy) Dam: Meguial (Roy)

Trainer — Jeff Mullins. Jockey — Joe Talamo. No. 14 Atomic Rain, ;St;1;2;3;Earnings

2009;4;0;1;1;\$49,340 2008;3;1;2;0;\$69,900 Life;7;1;3;1;\$118,940 Bay colt. Sire: Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector) Dam: Paradise Pond

(Cox's Ridge) Trainer - Kelly Breen. Jockey — Joe Bravo.

No. 15 Dunkirk, 4-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;2;1;0;\$193,200 2008;0;0;0;0;\$0 Life;3;2;1;0;\$193,200 Gray/roan colt. Sire: Unbridled's Song (Unbridled)

Dam: Secret Status (A.P. Indy) Trainer — Todd Pletcher. Jockey — Edgar Prado.

No. 16 Pioneerof the Nile, 4-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;3;0;0;\$690,000 2008;5;2;0;1;\$544,200 Life;8;5;0;1;\$1,234,200 Dark bay or brown colt. Sire: Empire Maker (Unbridled) Dam: Star of Goshen

(Lord At War) Trainer — Bob Baffert. Jockey Garrett Gomez

No. 17 Summer Bird, 50-1 ;St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;1;0;1;\$123,400 2008;0;0;0;0;\$0 Life;3;1;0;1;\$123,400

Chestnut colt. Birdstone

Dam: Hong Kong Squall (Summer Squall) Trainer — Tim Ice.
Jockey — Chris Rosier.

(Grindstone)

No. 18 Nowhere to Hide, 50-1

:St;1;2;3;Earnings 2009;3;0;0;0;\$55,500 2008;5;1;2;1;\$44,599 Life;8;1;2;1;\$100,099 Bay colt. Sire: Vindication (Seattle Slew)

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PHS Front Lawn Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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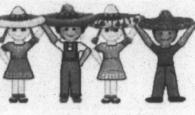
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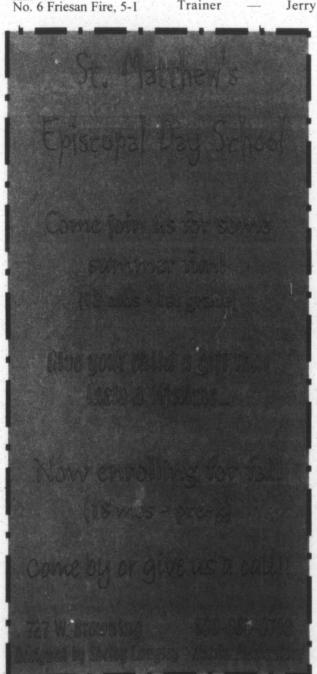
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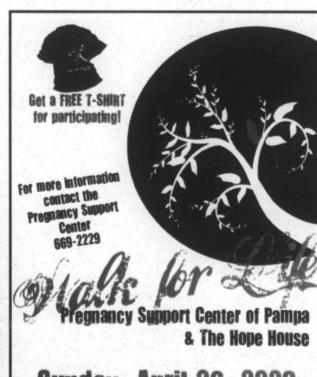
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135th Kentucky Derby 'You just don't understand the pressure'

JIM LITKE **AP SPORTS COLUMNIST**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) A guy rarely walks away at the top of his game.

Two years ago, even as his own career was taking off, Larry Jones introduced himself to fellow trainer Roger Laurin at Saratoga Race Course to ask why he did exactly that two decades earlier.

"At the time, I was like everybody else, thinking, 'This has got to be the craziest guy in the world," Jones recalled. "Then he told me,

'You just don't understand the pressure until you're there.

Now Jones does.

Barely 48 hours before what will be his third and last Kentucky Derby, a big bay colt named Friesan Fire might be Jones' best shot to win it. Asked what he's looking forward to most afterward, Jones' grin stretches nearly as wide as the brim on his trademark cowboy hat.

"I just learned this word, so I might be pronouncing it wrong," he said, pausing. "Weekends."

In the back of his mind are offers from friends to spend time at horse and cattle farms in Montana and South Dakota.

"The best thing is that both of them assured me cell phones don't work out there," he said. "I'm trying to get to the point where I can't be reached."

The strange thing is that a year after Jones' filly, Eight Belles, broke down over this same Churchill Downs strip, his business has never been better. Eight Belles went down with two broken ankles after a runnerup finish behind Big Brown their horses to exercise them and was euthanized on the track. Even as animal-rights advocates tried to make him the poster boy for every problem that plagued horse racing, Jones found more owners than ever willing to fill his barns with prized recruits.

Over the course of a few months, his operation grew from around 40 horses to more than 100. But as the numbers ramped up, he began chafing more and more under the strain that Laurin had warned him about. He had too many owners to satisfy and not enough employees he could

"I still love to ride horses. The time between 6 and 10 in the morning, when I do all my riding and most of my work, is still the best time of every day. I don't mind cleaning stalls, either. Frankly, there's not a job with these horses that I don't

"But all the other stuff that goes with it?" he added. "I just don't need that."

Rain falls intermittently during a cool, gray morning on the backstretch. Friesan Fire is resting comfortably in a stall on the other side of the barn and as hotwalkers pass by with the rest of his horses, Jones casts a careful glance at each one. Few trainers still climb on and none is more handson. Jones, 52, actually got into the thoroughbred racket as an owner in 1980, but quickly added trainer to the job description when he couldn't find even one who met his exacting standards. His plan now is to retire

after this year's Breeders' Cup and become, simply, an owner-breeder again. But friends and competitors who know how much time Jones spends with every one of his horses have already started a pool on how soon he'll be back. "I don't believe it," four-

time Derby-winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "Nobody leaves the game just when they're getting to where we want to be. I can see him taking time off, but I think he'll be back. He hasn't been at it that long."

Lukas' respect for his rival was never more apparent than the day after last year's Derby. He sat around outside his barn waiting for Jones to show up. Eight Belles' death was the second in a Triple Crown race in as many years. Sadly, Lukas had lost Union City in the 1993 Preakness and knew from experience what was coming next.

"I pulled him into the tackroom and told him, 'You're not going to be ready for the blindsiding, so choose your

words carefully. Take the

high road," he recalled.
"Larry took an unjust beating and barbecue. But in the quiet of his house," Lukas added, "I'm sure it really bothered him."

Jones has boxes of hate mail still sitting back at the house. He was accused of cruelty for running a filly against the colts, and he was called a drug cheat, even though tests on Eight Belles came back clean. When Jones announced his retirement plans last September, he conceded the episode "took a toll on my life." "It's hard to keep letting

yourself get so involved and so attached to these things,' he said at the time. "Not that I would do anything different, even today, but do I want something like that to happen to me again? No, I don't.'

A year ago, Jones tried in vain to hold back tears following Eight Belles' freakish death. The business he never really wanted to get into has taken him places he never expected to see, and exposed him to highs and lows he won't mind leaving behind. But few things would complete the circle more fittingly for a Kentucky farmboy than one final cry with his arms wrapped around the Derby winner's gold cup.



Kentucky Derby hopeful Friesan Fire's trainer Larry Jones workouts his horse for the 135th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Friday, May 1, 2009, in Louisville, Ky. (AP Photo/Ed Reinke)

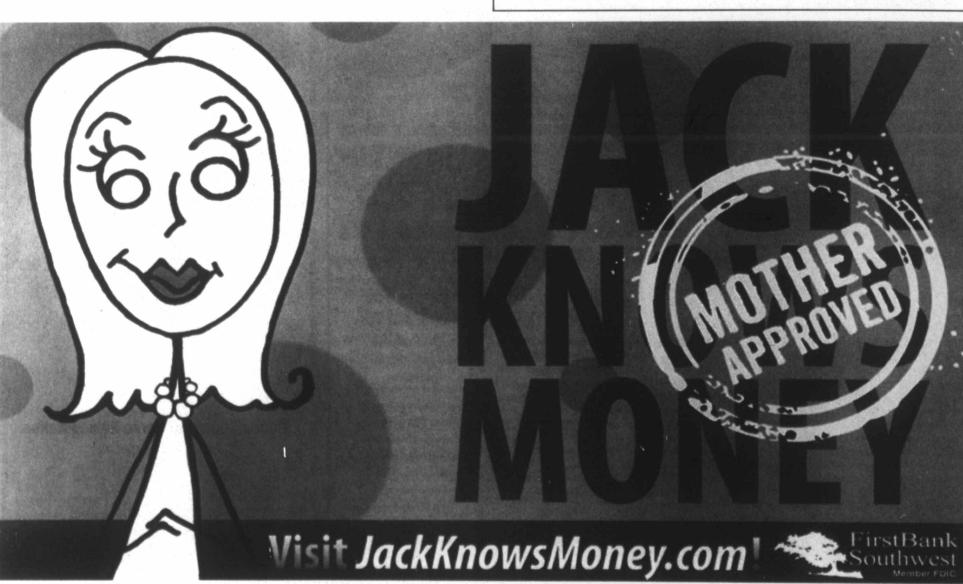




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Baffert back at Derby with serious contender

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Bob Baffert had so much success in his early years at the Kentucky Derby he thought it would go on forever. Three wins in six years will do that. Then karma caught up and sent him into a humbling slide.

He's hoping to change his luck Saturday, when he saddles Pioneerof the Nile, the early co-second choice in the morning line. The colt is Baffert's first serious contender since he won his third Derby in 2002.

"He has the fight in him,"

For the first time in a while, so does Baffert.

"I've been obsessed with the Derby, but how can you not be? Any trainer that doesn't want to win the Derby needs to take another job," he said.

Baffert nearly won America's most famous horse race in his first try in 1996. Cavonnier lost by a nose to Grindstone and trainer D. Wayne Lukas, igniting a rivalry between the veteran and the brash newcomer.

"There was a time we just couldn't stand each other," Baffert said. "He raised the bar and I was trying to get to it."

It didn't take long. Baffert



FILE - In this file photo April 21, 2009 file photo, provided by Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby hopeful, the Bob Baffert-trained Pioneerof the Nile, with Joe Steiner in the saddle, works out at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 135th running of the Kentucky Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May. 2.

won the following year with Silver Charm and repeated in 1998 with Real Quiet.

"I've spoiled myself," he said. "It was getting to the point where I thought, 'Oh, this is easy."

Then the Derby gods intervened.

Baffert kept finding a way to show up on the first Saturday in May, failing each time to get anywhere near the winner's circle.

"I've been in the paddock and saddled horses and just felt nothing," he said. "I told my wife Jill, 'I'm not going to bring a horse up here if I feel like I don't have a chance.' It's just not fun for me."

Baffert hit rock bottom in 2001 after Point Given, sent off as the 9-5 favorite, was second turning for home and wound up fifth. His other horse, Congaree, led with a quarter-mile to go only to get beaten by four lengths. In 2002, he picked up War Emblem three weeks before the Derby and the colt scored a gate-to-wire victory, finally returning Baffert to a familiar spot and the joy of hoisting that gold cup.

"Every time you win one, it's like winning your first," he said. "Your whole life passes in front of you."

Small wonder, then, that Louisville feels like home to the Southern Californiabased trainer. He met Jill, his second wife, at Churchill Downs and now their 4-yearold son, Bode, returns with

"This town has been so great to me," he said. "It's very emotional. When you

come here with a good horse, you feel like maybe I can feel that again. You can't describe the feeling of watching your horse coming down the middle of the

Earlier this week, Baffert visited the Derby Museum and punched up the video of Silver Charm's victory in 1997. The colt went on to win the Preakness, but lost his Triple Crown bid in the Belmont.

"I started tearing up because it brings back all those memories, when I came back here with Bob Lewis," he said, referring to the colt's late owner. "I think of him and everybody I came with."

Baffert's drive sustained him when the lean times hit. Three of his richest clients died, cutting off his flow of good horses and money to spend at the sales.

He is back at the Derby this year with his first starter since 2006, when he ran three horses and none finished better than ninth.

If Pioneerof the Nile wins Saturday, Baffert would tie fellow Hall of Famer Lukas and H.J. "Dick" Thompson for second-most Derby victories at four.

Lukas will again try to stop him, this time with long shot Flying Private.

"It would be very selfish for me to resent him winning one when I know what it takes to get here," Lukas said.

Their days of zinging each other publicly have passed, although the 73-year-old master is quick to note that his 13 Triple Crown victories are well ahead of Baffert's eight.

Now 56, Baffert is showcasing a new, lower-key demeanor, prompted by his wife's urging to be grateful and behave himself.

"I've learned to be competitive in a quieter manner," he said. "No more woofing.'

If he makes the mindblurring trip from the box Baffert said his thoughts will be of everyone who helped him get there, including his aging parents watching on television back in Nogales, Ariz.

"I've won all these major races, but the Derby is total-

seats to the winner's circle, ly different because it's so emotional," he said. "It's almost like a report card of life, that maybe you did something good."

He desperately wants to make the grade again.

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SPEED - Rolex Sports Car Series, Verizon Wireless 250, at Millville, N.J. 7 p.m.

ESPN2 NHRA, Midwest Nationals, final eliminations, at Madison, III. (same-day tape) CYCLING

5 p.m. VERSUS - Tour de Romandie, final stage, Aubonne to Geneva, Switzerland (same-day tape)

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8 p.m. ESPN - Chicago White Sox at Texas NBA BASKETBALL 1 p.m.

ABC - Playoffs, first round, game 7, Miami at Atlanta (if necessary)

ABC Playoffs, Conference Semifinals, game 1. Dallas at Denver NHL HOCKEY 2 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

NBC - Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Anaheim at Detroit

7:30 p.m. VERSUS - Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Carolina at Boston

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Monday, May 4 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 7 p.m.

ESPN - Boston at N.Y. Yankees NBA BASKETBALL

TNT - Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 1, Orlando at Boston OR Chicago at Orlando

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7 p.m. VERSUS - Playoffs, Conference Eastern semifinals, game Pittsburgh at Washington

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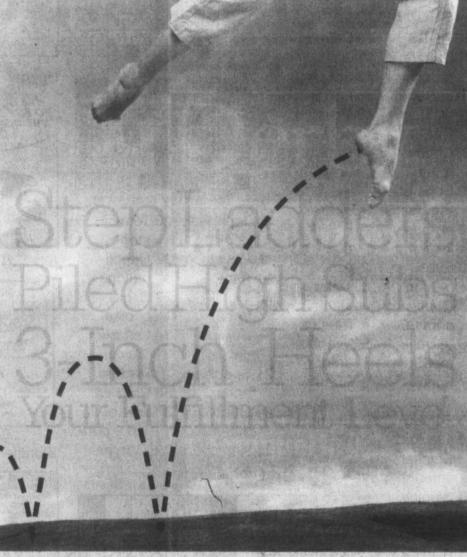
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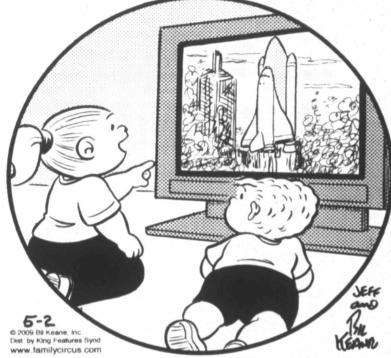
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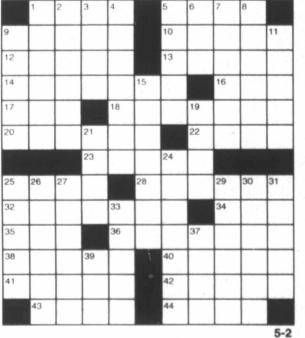
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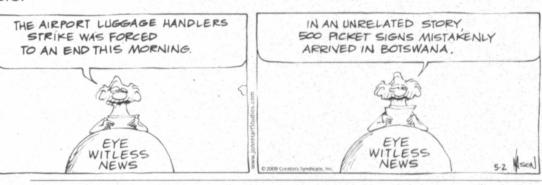
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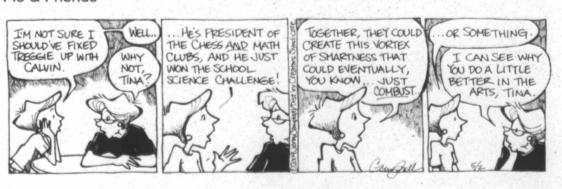




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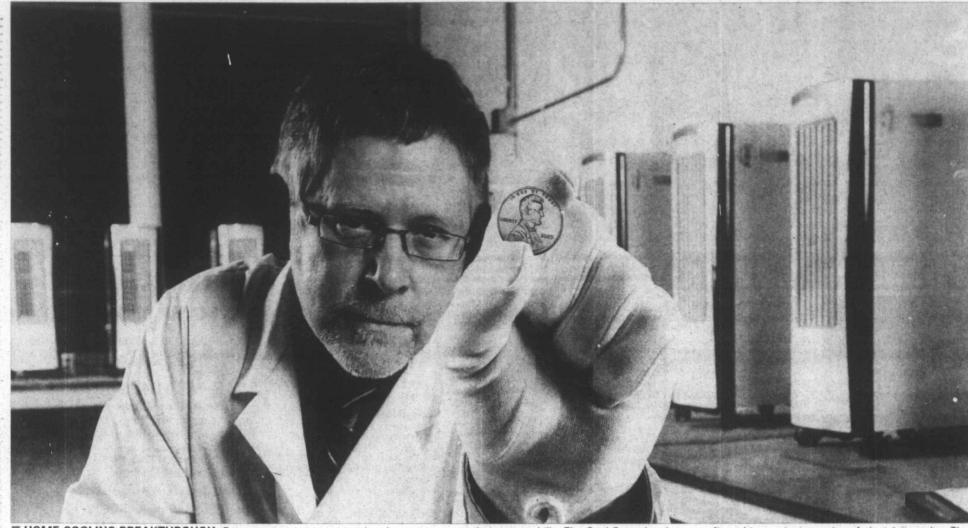
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By R.K. BERRY Universal Media Syndicate

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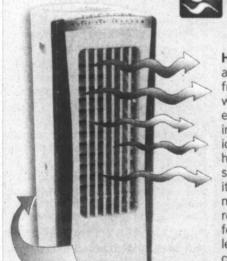
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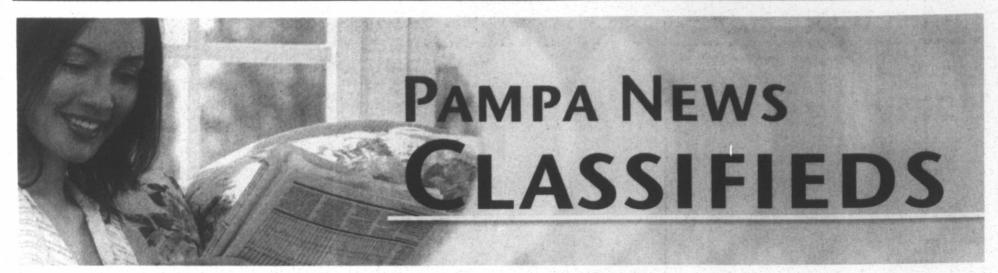
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 3,

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Though you are up for a lazy day, a project or person keeps floating past in your mind. Answer your thoughts, as they could be preventing you from really relaxing. Deal with the mental chatter. Tonight: Get a head start on

This Week: Be picky. Encourage yourself to look at details, even more so than

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Allow creativity to float upward. Reach out for others. Spend quality time with a child or loved one. Cut the hectic pace and enjoy everything that comes by. Find out what a loved one would like to do, and follow suit. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

This Week: Your creativity surges and draws many people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Stay centered, despite someone else's ability to throw you into a tizzy. A partner might try to show you the other side. He or she does quite an enticing dance, and you just might decide to go along. You'll like what happens. Tonight:

This Week. Don't lose sight of your pri-

orities, and you will be a happy camper. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** An invitation adds to your interest and desirability. Listen to news, laugh and enjoy. Lightness adds a whole new perspective. Not only will you meet new people, but you'll also relax. Sometimes hearing another's woes puts a new perspective on yours. Tonight: Love the one

This Week: Speak your mind. Share your

feelings. Be open. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Try not to think, and simply mellow out. You could be more concerned about a situation than you are letting on. Confusion surrounds plans and getting together. Double-check the time and place. You'll feel more together once you're away from the home front. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: Investigate different ways to

get to the same place. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Though you might not see eye to eye with someone at first, it doesn't mean you will want to end a friendship. Respect your differences and work with them. Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Tonight: All smiles.

This Week: You are in the thick of things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ If you want, take a day off just for vourself. Realize what is going on in your home and/or with family. A lot more is occurring than you can see. Others need you but might not be asking. Step in and let others know you are there for them. Tonight: Get some extra sleep. This Week: Smile away, but don't take action or start a major project until

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ If you haven't already, make plans with your friends. Your ability to knock some sense into someone comes out as you change your words and style. A partner could be so full of chatter you aren't even listening. Tonight: Where the

This Week: Zero in on others and their needs. Work with people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Take a stand and deal with a situ

ation as it is. You could be overly tired, especially if you keep missing the mark in a discussion. Slow down some, or perhaps cancel plans. Remember, you come first. Tonight: Think "tomorrow. This Week: Act like leader of the gang,

because that is what you are. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You have the ability to see what others don't. You might have an "aha" moment, though others won't understand how you made your deduction. Sharing the process could be important. Get together for an early dinner with friends. Tonight: Let your mind wander. This Week: Opt for the offbeat passage. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Make time for a very special person in your life who often, like you, runs around never taking a break. Value your friendship and the good times. Isolating a segment of time for each other once in a while works. Tonight:

This Week: You'll like what you see if you allow a partner to play a bigger role. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Be happy that a partner is finally telling you what he or she wants. You could be confused or put off by this person's approach. Let it go. It is more important to talk and have a mutual bond. You could be a bit out of sorts. Tonight: So many choices!

This Week: Defer to others. Enjoy this role rather than fight it.

BORN TODAY

Philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli (1469), folk singer Pete Seeger (1919), boxer Sugar Ray Robinson (1921)

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Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: "Charlotte" and I dated happily for six years before we married. Now, after only a few months, she finds almost everything about me wrong. For example, I offered to trim her toenails, not because I thought they looked bad but because I thought she might appreciate it. She became upset with me and accused me of criticizing her

This kind of thing happens every week. I feel uneasy about saying anything to her. All I'm trying to do is show her how much I love her and that I'm there for her. Charlotte is beautiful. She's 51 but looks 40. I'm 61 and look 61. Have you any advice for me? We have both been married twice before. -- TRYING TO BE THE PERFECT HUSBAND

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her that it is off-putting? Please consider this, and if her fault-finding continues, see if she will agree to marriage counseling. Whatever is happening between you, without some mediation, neither of you will be happier in this marriage than you were in the two that preceded it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 17, and my younger brother is 16. He is already a father, and when he goes out with his friends, he ends up getting in trouble. I have tried to explain to him that he needs to stay away from those "friends" and think about his baby. He was arrested four days after the baby was born, and he just got out of jail.

I have already told him I don't want to visit him in jail again, and I don't want my nephew to grow up without a dad. What can I say so that he can stay out of trouble? -- BIG SISTER IN DODGE CITY, KAN.

DEAR BIG SISTER: Although you are only a year older, you appear to be a lot more emotionally mature than your brother. Somehow it seems he has not yet grasped the fact that irresponsible actions bring about consequences. While I appreciate your desire to protect him from himself, it is just not possible. I'm sorry to say that some people have to learn their lessons the hard way, and your brother appears to be one of them.

DEAR ABBY: My only child will graduate in June, and we are faced with a problem. My mentally ill sister -- who has a history of making scenes -- wants to attend the graduation ceremony. She has spoiled many family celebrations. It makes no difference to her where or when she "goes off."

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Although I believe in forgiveness, I don't want to take the chance that she will ruin the day my son graduates. There is a growing rift in the family over this, and I welcome your advice. -- MOTHER OF THE

GRADUATE

DEAR MOTHER: I assume that your sister cannot control her emotions and behavior. Tickets to most graduation ceremonies are strictly limited, and if you have reason to believe that her presence will be disruptive, you should not invite her. If you are planning a celebration for extended family and friends afterward, she can be included as long as someone is assigned to watch over her and will escort her out if she creates a scene.

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ing you questioning. This year, learn to

detach more, accept differences and find

ways that everyone can win. Your

resourcefulness could be amazing if you

cism. If you are single, romance provides

more excitement and possibilities than it

has in a long while. Enjoy. If you are

attached, if you miss some of the initial

smoldering moments this year, they can

return with your attention and attentive-

ness. The two of you could fall in love all

over again. Re-create an old date or two.

Schedule a retreat. VIRGO often adds to

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** Understanding evolves to a new

level as others start opening up. Listen,

because this information could impact

your work and/or your daily life.

Unexpected realizations come out of left

field. Tonight: Head home, but do

**** Your strength earmarks your

actions. Indulge a creative bent that

emerges. Say what you think, but mean

what you say. Others count on your fol-

low-through and earthy style. A friend

could startle you or prove to be irascible.

** Stay centered, knowing your lim-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

squeeze in some exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Use your imagination.

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its, even when life becomes dicey. In

fact, if you can work at home, do. How

you handle a situation that could be

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standing of human nature. Tonight: Kick

*** Keep communication flowing.

draws many. Adapt to a change of plans.

grounded and makes you feel uncomfort-

** Curb a tendency to be possessive

or to want events to go your way. Right

now others are unpredictable and could

cause a problem for you out of the blue.

Try to detach from expectations, just for

a day or so - OK? Tonight: Gather your

**** You take on a lot while feeling

empowered. Unfortunately, you cannot

dictate others' reactions, which could be

all over the place, even when dealing

with anything not relevant to you. A mes-

sage or memo could be lost. Tonight:

*** Review a situation carefully

You don't have all the information, but

by saying little, you will hear more. Your

silence encourages others to babble on.

Just listen. You could be amazed by what

*** Zero in on what is important. A

burst of creativity could distract you.

Listen to a child or a loved one who has

a lot to share. Emphasize spontaneous

efficiency, and be open. A brainstorming

session could be quite dynamic. Tonight

A roommate or family member could

you hear. Tonight: Just for you.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Stay on top of your work. You know what needs to be done, and you will accomplish just that. Nevertheless, a family member throws a tantrum, and you might have a hard time getting to the bottom of a problem. Know what you want here. Tonight: Do only what you

**** Reach out and push for better answers and more feedback. Take off your mental filters and see what is really going on. Sometimes how we color a situation can define what we see. Our biases emerge. Tonight: Think about taking a couple of days off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Others want and need to command the situation. Try walking in their shoes to find out what is going on Sometimes your innate rigidity can cause a problem. If you pride yourself on friendship, be more understanding Tonight: Keep it easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Your unpredictability could shake up an already volatile situation. Think before you indulge a knee-jerk reaction, unless you don't care about the ramifications. Your instincts give you mixed signals. Wait until you know more. Tonight: Defer to someone else.

BORN TODAY Actress Audrey Hepburn (1929), educator Horace Mann (1796), president of Egypt Hosni Mubarak (1928)

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Mexicans turn to humor, creativity to endure flu

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MEXICO CITY (AP) -Televisa is cutting all "nonessential" kisses from its soap operas. A song called the "Influenza Cumbia" is climbing the charts. Cringe-worthy swine flu jokes are spreading faster than the illness ever could.

As Mexicans lock themselves inside in fear of the virus, they can't help but have a little fun with it as

The surgical masks that Mexicans have donned by the millions have become canvases for cre-. ativity, with some adorning their protective coverings with painted-on monkey mouths, outsized mustaches or "kissy lips." Newspapers offer smiley cutouts for people to paste to their masks, and some drivers have fashioned masks for their cars.

Dog lovers walk the streets of Mexico City with matching masks for their pooches, though doctors have yet to confirm that chihuahua-to-chihuahua transmission is a major public health threat.

Mexico's ebullient, spontaneous culture is still trying to adjust to the new anti-flu campaign, in which kissing, hugging, handshakes, eating on the street and standing in crowded places — all part of daily life in this city of 20 mil-- are now discouraged.

There might not be much traffic on Mexico City's streets, but gallows humor about what some call "The Aporkalypse" has been circulating around the metropolis.

"Did you hear that Mexico has become a world power?" goes one joke. "When it sneezes, the

whole world gets the flu." Mexico has decreed an almost total nationwide shutdown for the next five days, creating a particular challenge for parents. They need to keep their

little ones from going stir crazy, while also making sure they heed the government's public safety instructions. But as any parent will tell

you, there is always a way.

Regina Martinez, 2, wouldn't wear a mask, so her mother, Jane, got creative. On Thursday, Regina pranced down a Mexico City street, her mask decorated with embroidered

"I made it for her because she didn't want to wear it, so I made her a special one," Jane Martinez said.

"I'm Tinkerbell," Regina chimed in, speaking shyly through the mask.

With no place to go, television has become one of the only available distractions. But even on the small screen, the disease has made its mark on that most Mexican form of entertainment: the telenovela.

Nothing defines the formulaic soap operas more than overly dramatic kisses. But Televisa, the world's biggest producer of the soaps, has decreed smooching will be reduced to a minimum in accordance with government guidelines to avoid close contact.

"When the script of a telenovela requires a kiss, the kiss will be give in accordance with the guidelines so as not to expose the actors to any risk," a Televisa spokesman said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

He played coy on exactly how the new "safe kisses" would be carried out - air kisses? cheek kisses? -

leaving observers to speculate.

"Until this thing is over, they will have to give telepathic kisses," joked author and cultural critic Carlos Monsivais.

Mexico's music culture has also embraced a lighthearted approach to the epidemic. The band Agrupacion Carino came out with the song "Influenza Cumbia" just two days after the health alert was issued. The lyrics are not the most sophisticated, with references to Superman and Indiana Jones.

"It's better to commit suicide with tacos," the singer croons to a bouncy synthesizer. "They say it's the perfect flu. They don't know Mexico City folks live in the smog."

And like swine flu, dark humor has spread beyond Mexico's borders.

A U.S. company has rolled out T-shirts featuring a pig-shaped Mexican flag. "I went to Mexico and all I got was swine flu," it

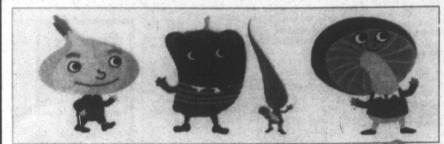
And of course the Internet is alive with dark, swineflu fun. In a game called "SwineFighter," players blast viral-looking piggies with a hypodermic needle.

And what global catastrophe would be complete without its own Facebook page?

Actually, "Swine Flu" has several pages on the popular social networking site. The most popular set up April 26 with a profile picture of a cute white pig - has accumulated more than 20,000 fans.

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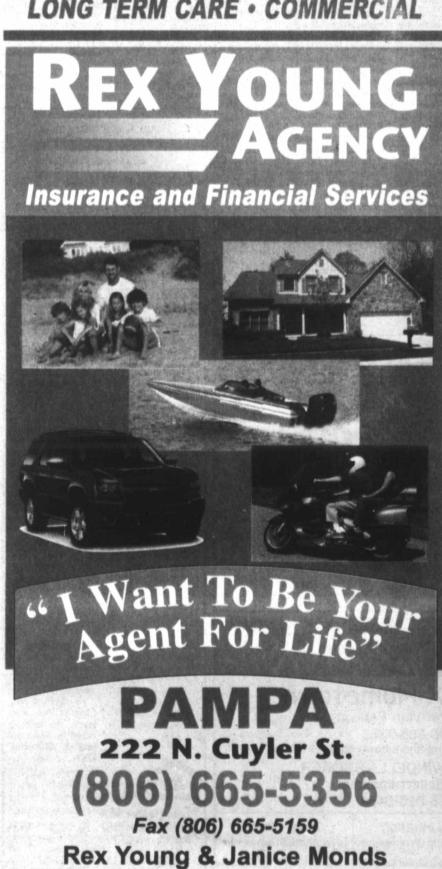
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