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## Sudden storm sends Pampa to shelter

Pampa dodged a bullet Friday evening, but our neighbors may not have been so lucky.

Early damage reports indicate that Lefors may have gotten the worst of the storm.

"Lines down all over," the scanners crackled just after 7 p.m.

Pampa Emergency Coordinator Fred Courtney said he sounded the alarm at 5:03 p.m., warning Pampa residents to seek shelter.

The National Weather Service cancelled the severe storm warning for our area at 7:17 p.m.

Some areas of town were without power as of late Friday evening.

"There are signs and limbs down, but nothing major at this time," was the preliminary report from Courtney. Monday morning officials should have a more complete report.



Lightning, hail, wind and rain hit Pampa during a storm that developed quickly north of town Friday evening. Luckily no tornadoes touched down in our area. *staff photo by David Bowser*

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## SHATTERED DREAMS Mock memorial ends program

Hundreds of students gathered in the Pampa High School field house Friday morning to learn about the totality of responsible decision making in the final part of the Shattered Dreams program.

The program came to an end with a mock memorial/assembly involving all participants, parents, and PHS students.

Two caskets were placed in front of a stage—a representation of students, who were "killed" in a mock crash on Thursday morning at the start of the Shattered Dreams program. A mock memorial for the two students followed.

Hailey Neis, who played the role of drunk driver, read a reflection to the students about what her experience was like playing the role of the drunk driver, who caused the death of her two classmates.

"I know how important my life is," Neis read from a letter to her peers, "I know that I impact people around me with the decisions

I make and I don't want poor judgement to ruin my life."

Neis told the student body that she isn't a partier, but playing that role taught her that alcohol-related accidents can happen to anyone.

Chris Neis, PHS English teacher and Hailey's mother, then spoke to the students about her experience playing the role of a

mother of a murderer.

"It never dawned on me that I could lose you," Neis said reading from her letter she wrote to Hailey during the parents retreat last night. The letter was from the perspective of her role she played. "Just days ago we were stamping the letters on your graduation announcements, and now that life is gone in a day. This is not the

life we dreamed of having for you. You were in National Honor Society, a cheerleader, number five in your class, and now you are a murderer."

Bryan Fisher, the father of Michael Fisher, participant, also read a letter to the student body, calling Shattered Dreams a "reality check" for students.

Guest speaker James McElroy, Pampa resident, told the students about the tragedy he experienced when his son died in an alcohol-related accident in 2005.

McElroy's son was attending West Texas A&M when he attended a Fourth of July party at Lake Greenbelt. After leaving the party, McElroy's son fell asleep behind the wheel going 75 miles per hour near Claude. McElroy flipped the vehicle and the car roof was smashed on the driver's side. A passenger driving with him at the time sustained injuries but survived the accident. McElroy's son did not.

After McElroy spoke, Madison Wilson *DREAMS* cont. on page 3



Special Guest Speaker James McElroy speaks to Pampa High School students about the loss of his son in an alcohol-related incident in 2005 during the Shattered Dreams mock memorial and assembly Friday morning. *staff photo by Rachel Stennett*

## County switches to Happy Bank

BY DAVID BOWSER  
 dbowser@thepampanews.com

Gray County will close more than 40 bank accounts at Bank of America, although County Treasurer Scott Hahn said he'd like to keep several certificates of deposit there because of more favorable rates.

The county is in the process of changing banks from Bank of America to Happy State Bank.

"Happy's taken good care of us," Hahn told the Gray County Commission Friday. "They've given us a hometown experience

that we've lost over time."

Hahn said that there has been some extra labor in making the change, but the county officials that he's talked with say they're happy with Happy.

With the change, Hahn said the county's cash balance was at a low as of the end of April.

In his treasurer's report, Hahn said the county's cash balance was \$104,346.77, or 1.44 percent of the county's assets.

The county has \$2.5 million in certificates of deposits. Hahn reported that the current 90-day rate is).4410 percent, although the

county has one CD bought last February for 1.34 percent.

Most of the county's investments, \$7.288 million, are in Texpool, which is paying 0.4451 percent.

In other business, the county commissioners court will act as distribution agent working with the Louisiana Chemical Dismantling Corporation for part of the excess equipment from the old Celanese Plant.

While the major items will be auctioned off in June, Commissioner Gary Willoughby said there are items that will be

donated to local government agencies and approved charities, including lockers, air conditioning units, industrial ceiling fans, eye wash stations, chairs, light bulbs and fencing.

Willoughby said these items will go to various agencies and organizations, but they cannot be resold.

The commission approved a replat of Memory Gardens and the transfer of the lease for land beneath Hanger A at Perry Lefors Airport from Pampa Aviation to Petro Wings, LLC.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday



High 70  
Low 50

Monday



High 79  
Low 55

Tuesday



High 83  
Low 56

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 79. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 83. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

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## Emergency Services

**SHERIFF**  
Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:  
Efrain Franco, 34, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for criminal mischief.  
Stephen Tyler Timmons, 24, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Wheeler County.  
Brook Nicole Pyle, 26, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for violation of probation on possession of a controlled substance in a

drug free zone.  
**AMBULANCE**  
Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Friday.  
Thursday 8:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25<sup>th</sup> and transported a patient to PRMC.  
9:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Harvester for Shattered Dreams.

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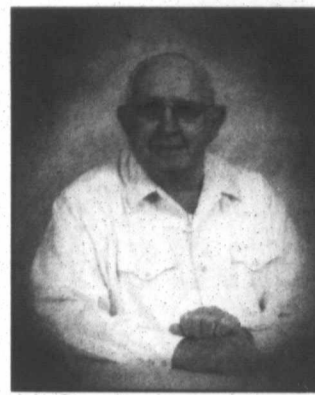
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**BEGINNING MAY 26,** The Pampa News Office hours will be 8am-4pm. Monday through Friday. Night Service will still be available.

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## Obituaries

### Arthur (Art) Clyde McCracken, 84



McCracken

Pampa — Arthur (Art) Clyde McCracken, 84, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in Amarillo.  
He will be cremated and private services will be held at a later date.  
Arrangements are being made through Blackburn-Shaw Coulter Road Chapel, 8310 S. Coulter.  
Mr. McCracken was born on October 29, 1924 in Canton, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of WWII

and served in the Navy. Following his service years, Pampa, TX was his home where he married Frances Ford on February 14, 1949. She preceded him in death on November 26, 2004.

Survivors include his second wife Mary of the home, son, Tom

McCracken and wife Pat of Pampa, TX, three sisters, Jo Bennalack of Reedley, Calif., Yvonne Winborne and Wanda Passmore both of Pampa, TX, and numerous nieces and nephews along with cousins.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

### Audrey Odessa Dalton, 88

Audrey Odessa Dalton, 88, resident of Bartlesville, died at 3 a.m. on Thursday in the Green Country Village. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel in Bartlesville, Oklahoma with Dr. Joe Dan Fowler of First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas on Tuesday May 19, at 2 p.m. under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.  
A memorial has been established and those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Mrs. Dalton may do so to: Elder Care 1223 S.E. Swan Drive, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006.  
Audrey Odessa Dalton was born August 29, 1920 at Overbrook, Oklahoma to William and Lela Ventura (Robinson) Bright. She was raised and received her education in Lone Grove, Oklahoma and was married to Dean

Dalton on April 18, 1946 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They made their home in Pampa, Texas while Mr. Dalton was employed with Skelly Oil Company. Mr. Dalton preceded her in death in 1970. Mrs. Dalton moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1970 and lived there until moving to Norman, Oklahoma in 2002. In 2006 she moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma to be near her son. Mrs. Dalton was a member of the Southern Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

Survivors include; one son Greg Dalton of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; one daughter Jayne Hilger of Oklahoma City; two sisters Jean McCluskey of Chandler, Arizona and JoAnn Snyder of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dalton was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; Jack and Theo Bright; three sisters Omille Jones, Oletta McCluskey and Pauline Bright.



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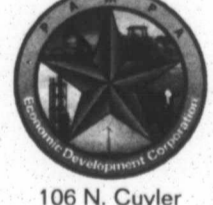
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# Thunderstorms forecast throughout Texas Saturday

Rain was forecast throughout Texas on Saturday with large hail possible in the Panhandle, according to the National Weather Service.

In North Texas, a 60 to 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms was likely with a high around 70 and overnight lows ranging from the mid-50s to upper 60s. Chances for rain were expected to decrease at night.

In the Panhandle, a 20 percent chance of showers

and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. was forecast. Some storms could be severe with large hail possible. Highs in the 60s and lows in the mid-40s were expected.

In Central Texas, a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms was possible after 1 p.m. Highs in the upper 80s were possible around Austin and San Antonio. Overnight lows near 60 were possible. Chances for rain could increase to 60 percent at night.

Along the Gulf Coast there was a moderate chance of showers and thunderstorms with highs near 90 and overnight lows around 70.

In West Texas, there was a 40 to 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s and lows in the 50s were predicted around El Paso. Highs near 70 and lows near 50 were possible around Midland and Odessa. Winds could gust to 35 mph.

## Texas officials report swine flu death

HOUSTON (AP) — A South Texas man with various health problems became the fifth person in the U.S. to die from swine flu, Texas health officials said Friday.

The 33-year-old Corpus Christi man died May 6 after getting sick earlier in the month, said Dr. William Burgin Jr., the medical authority for the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District. The man had other medical conditions, including heart problems, Burgin said.

The Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office identified the man as Carlos Garnica and said the cause of death was viral pneumonia due to swine flu. Contributing conditions included an underactive thyroid gland, abnormal enlargement of the heart due to high blood pressure, sleep apnea and morbid obesity.

"His other problems aggravated his condition," Burgin said. "They prevented him from breathing well, clearing his airways. He had conditions that decreased his immunity somewhat and made

it more difficult for him to survive any viral illness."

Burgin says the man, a single parent, had three children and that only one of the kids got sick. The child was treated with Tamiflu and is now doing better. All three children are staying with relatives.

State health department spokesman Doug McBride said the agency's lab in Austin confirmed swine flu and notified Nueces County health officials about the test results Friday morning.

"He saw a doctor, who started him on Tamiflu but then he got sicker," Burgin said.

The man went back to his doctor and was admitted to a hospital where he died.

Two other individuals in Texas have died after contracting swine flu.

Judy Trunnell, a 33-year-old pregnant mother and teacher from Harlingen in South Texas died May 5. She had been hospitalized since April 19. During that time she had slipped into a coma and gave birth to a healthy baby girl, delivered by Cesarean section. Trunnell, who was 35

weeks pregnant, had asthma, rheumatoid arthritis and a skin condition called psoriasis.

A Mexico City toddler who had been on a family trip to visit relatives in Brownsville died in a Houston hospital from swine flu on April 27. Miguel Tejada Vazquez, who was nearly 2 years old, had a chronic muscle weakness called myasthenia gravis, a heart defect, a swallowing problem and lack of oxygen.

The other two U.S. deaths were in Arizona and Washington state.

The state health department says there have been 506 confirmed cases of swine flu in Texas spread over 35 counties. Dallas County has the most cases, 87, followed by neighboring Tarrant with 83.

Houston health officials on Friday reported that 12 students at an elementary school tested positive for swine flu. More than half of the 712 students at the school did not show up to class Friday.

## County

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The commission also approved bids on tax delinquent properties.

Alberto Calderon bid \$310 for a lot on Ripley and \$310 for a lot on Zimmers.

Michael Diamond bid

\$200 for a lot at 504 Elm. Lonnie Kirklind bid \$200 for 914 Denver.

Jose Perez bid \$1,020 for 1020 Clark.

Jack Nix bid \$175 for 13 vacant lots in Alanreed and \$100 for seven other lots in

Alanreed.

The payment of a county employees medical bill was deferred to the commission's June 1 meeting.

## Dreams

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gave a "prom promise" on behalf of the seniors to make the right, responsible decisions and not drink and drive during prom.

Prior to the memorial, the students were prepped for the memorial by watching a 15 minute video before the assembly began. The video told the pretend stories about what happened to the students involved in the mock accident before and after the crash.

Tanya Larkin, PHS principal closed the program by thanking everyone involved, including

students and community members, which included The City of Pampa, Dr. K. Hall Jr., MD PA, Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors, Culberson-Stowers, Berger Redi-Mix/Pampa Concrete, Pampa Kiwanis, Pampa Lions Club, Pampa Regional Medical Center, VFW 1657, Duncan Fraser & Bridges Ins. Agency Inc, National Bank of

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### Pampa ISD Events for the Week of May 18-22

May 22 & 25 - Holiday - No School

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

**Pampa High School**  
May 18 • All Night Party Meeting • 7:30 pm • Cafeteria  
May 19 • Class Officer Elections  
May 19-20 • Dual Credit Sign-up  
May 19 • Sr. Day • Wonderland Park  
May 19 • DECA Banquet • 7:00 pm  
May 20 • Calculus AP Exam  
May 20 • UIL Academic Picnic • 4:30 pm  
May 20 • FFA Banquet  
May 21 • Yearbooks delivered  
May 22 • Biology & English AP Exam  
May 21 • Choir Variety Show • 7:00 pm • MK Brown  
May 22 & 23 • Band State Solo/Ensemble

**Pampa Junior High School**  
May 19 • TAKS - 8th Grade Math Re-test #2  
May 19 • Art Exhibit • 6:00-6:45 pm  
May 19 • Choir Spring Concert • 7:00 pm  
May 21 • 8th Grade Awards Assembly • 1:00 pm

**Austin Elementary**  
May 19 • TAKS - 5th Grade Re-test  
May 19 • 3rd Grade to Super Playground  
May 21 • Field Day for Austin Elementary

**Lamar Elementary**  
May 19 • TAKS - 5th Grade Re-test  
May 21 • 4th and 5th Grade Fun Field Day

**Travis Elementary**  
May 19 • TAKS - 5th Math Grade Re-test.

**Wilson Elementary**  
May 18 • Volunteer and Mentor Luncheon • 12:00 pm  
May 20 • Fun Day  
May 20 • Starlight Café

May 19 • School Board Meeting • 6:00 pm

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at [www.pampaisd.net](http://www.pampaisd.net). From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 16, the 136th day of 2009. There are 229 days left in the year.

### Highlights in history on this date:

1532 - Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro lands with a small band of soldiers on the northern coast of Peru.

1770 - Marie Antoinette, age 14, marries the future king of France, Louis XVI, who is 15.

1866 - U.S. Congress authorizes minting of the nickel.

1871 - British Columbia, a British colony, becomes a province of Canada.

1920 - Joan of Arc is canonized in Rome.

1929 - The first Academy Awards are pre-

**'Ideas won't keep; something must be done about them.'**

—Alfred North Whitehead  
English philosopher-mathematician

sented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

1932 - Japan's Premier Tsuyoshi Inukai is assassinated in Tokyo.

1941 - The Icelandic parliament ends treaty with Denmark, pro-

claims independence.

1961 - Maj. Gen. Park Chung-hee stages a military coup in South Korea and rules until his intelligence chief assassinates him in 1979.

1962 - U.S. Marines begin arriving in Thailand to help counter communist threat from neighboring Laos.

1966 - China's Cultural Revolution begins when the Communist party's Politburo approves an edict from Chairman Mao Zedong. An elite corps of young zealous students, the Red Guards, is formed to attack traditional values and bourgeois thinking.

1969 - Soviet spacecraft reaches vicinity of planet Venus and drops capsule that sends back information on planet's atmosphere.

1975 - Japanese climber Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

1989 - Hundreds of thousands arrive in Beijing to support college students fasting for freedom in Tiananmen Square.

1991 - France's first female prime minister, Edith Cresson, takes office; Queen Elizabeth II becomes the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

1994 - Scotland Yard for the first time approves a plan to allow some London police officers to openly carry firearms.

1995 - Japanese police arrest doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara in connection with the nerve-gas attack that killed 12 on Tokyo's subways two months earlier.

1999 - Iranian President Mohammad Khatami is greeted with warm embraces and kisses on his historic visit to Saudi Arabia, the first by an Iranian leader in two decades. He mentions hope for "a new era" between the two countries and a stable Persian Gulf.

2000 - Cuba frees Marta Beatriz, a well-known dissident there, following a United Nations censure for human rights abuses.

2001 - Former FBI agent Robert Hanssen is indicted on charges of spying for Moscow. He later pleads guilty to 15 counts of espionage and is sentenced by a U.S. court to life in prison without parole.

2002 - Pakistani police unearth remains of Daniel Pearl, a reporter for the U.S. Wall Street Journal newspaper, who was kidnapped in January and whose execution was recorded on a videotape.

2003 - Twenty-nine people are killed and about 100 others injured in five nearly simultaneous suicide bombing attacks in Casablanca, Morocco's largest city and commercial center.

2007 - Estonia's first and only synagogue opens, six decades after previous houses of worship were destroyed in World War II.

**Today's Birthdays:** Maria Agnesi, Italian, first woman to become a known mathematician (1718-1799); Henry Fonda, U.S. actor (1905-1982); H.E. Bates, English author (1905-1974); Woody Herman, U.S. jazz musician (1913-1987); Pierce Brosnan, Irish actor (1953--); Debra Winger, U.S. actress (1955--); Janet Jackson, U.S. pop singer (1966--); Tori Spelling, U.S. actress (1973--).



## Honoring the memory and sacrifice of our fallen heroes

The fabric of Texas' rich history is woven with legendary stories of sacrifice and remarkable acts of valor. From the battle of the Alamo, when Colonel William Barret Travis and his men stood their ground, declaring "no retreat, no surrender" and sacrificed all for the freedom of their nation — to the young men and women who are laying down their lives on foreign battlefields today — generation after generation, our state's men and women have exhibited the indomitable Texas spirit of service and patriotism.

Stretching back to the American Indian Wars, 70 Texans have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroic service. And many of them died earning that distinction.

During World War II, a young B-24 pilot from Fort Worth named Horace Carswell was flying a single-craft mission to take out a convoy of Japanese ships in the South China Sea. After scoring direct hits on the target, Major Carswell's aircraft was badly damaged. Through skillful flying, he kept the staggering bomber in the air long enough to make it to land so his crew could safely parachute onto the Chinese shore. Major Carswell and his copilot were killed in the crash landing, but through his courageous actions, the rest of his crew survived. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and Carswell Air Force Base outside of Fort Worth was named in his honor.

Another Texan who made an indelible mark on our nation's history is Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez, a daring and

fearless soldier in Vietnam from Cuero. Sergeant Benavidez and his soldiers were ambushed on a secret mission in Cambodia, and despite suffering a broken jaw, sustaining 37 bullet wounds, and being stabbed with a bayonet, he exposed himself repeatedly to enemy fire and carried gravely wounded soldiers in his arms to safety. He was so badly maimed that his commander nominated him for a Distinguished Service Cross award because the Army was afraid he wouldn't survive long enough for the extensive Medal of Honor process to be completed. But he did survive, and was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor. MSG Benavidez made service to his country his life's work. A bust of MSG Benavidez is on display at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where it serves as a tribute to his life and an inspiration to future leaders.

Preserving these legacies is critical, because, as President Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Today, a new generation of patriots is serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Like many before them, some are paying for our freedom with their lives. In the early days of the war in Iraq, a 23-year-old Texan named James Kiehl

was killed when his convoy was ambushed near al Nasiriya. His remains were brought home to Comfort, Texas, and on the day of his funeral something remarkable happened. Hundreds of men, women, and children from across the community lined the streets to honor their hometown hero and show support for his family as the funeral procession wound its way through the small town. He was one of the first Texans to lay down his life in combat. To date, more than 400 Texans have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of today's military heroes have not yet made it into the pages of history. But they are already solidifying a legacy of valorous service. Unlike many of the wars that were fought in previous generations, none of the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan were drafted into service.



Sen. Hutchinson

made the ultimate sacrifice. I think about the loved ones who miss them. It is fitting for our nation to pause and remember them on Memorial Day. But to truly honor their service, we must always cherish liberty, work to keep America free and strong, espouse the values for which our troops have fought and died, and pass down their memory to future generations.

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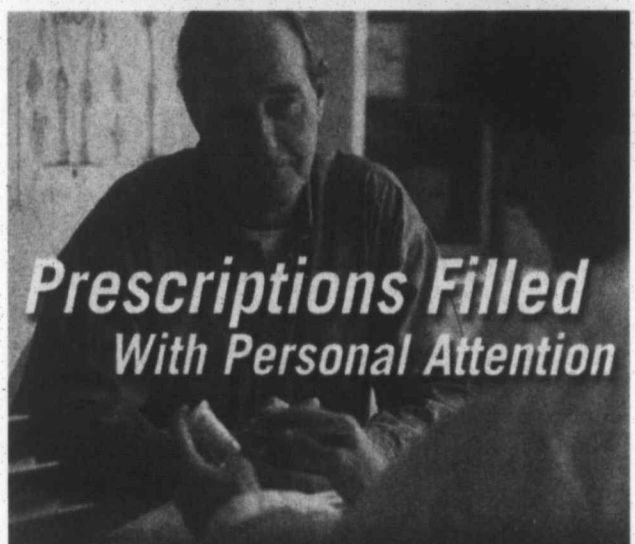
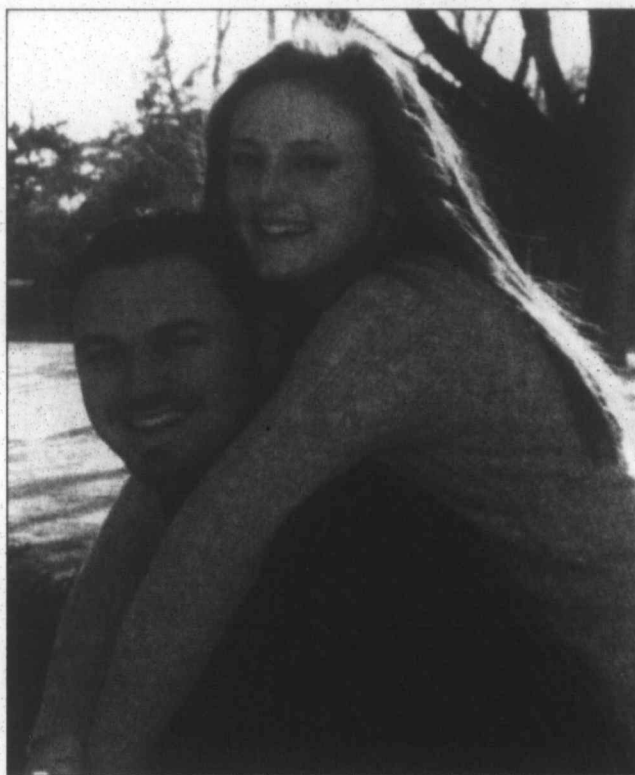
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# Around town

## Sapp, Hunt to wed

Randy and Debra Elliott, and the late Mark Sapp, of Sadler, Tx announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Ann Sapp of Amarillo, to Kendall Adam Hunt of Amarillo, Tx. Kendall Hunt is the son of Richard and Grace Hudson of Pampa, Tx. The couple plan to wed on September 5, 2009 at the Botanical Gardens in Amarillo. The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of White Deer High School. She will graduate in May with an Associate degree in Applied Science with a major in Dental Hygiene from Amarillo College. The prospective groom is a 2007 graduate of White Deer High School. He is currently attending Clarendon College pursuing an Associate in Applied Science with a major in Computer Information Systems.



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## Preceptor Theta Iota news

The Preceptor Theta Iota met May 11, 2009 at 7:30 p. m. at the residence of Carolyn Smith on 2140 Dogwood. President Ann Franklin presided over the first half of the meeting. Recording Secretary Nancy Brogdin called roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer Janice Hubbard

gave the Treasurer's report, and the correspondence was read. A thank you note from Betty Schaffer for being voted Girl of the Year was read, and reports from the officers and committee chairmen were heard. Barbara Benyshek was thanked for doing such a good job on Founder's Day, and Pat Kindle, incoming President, passed

out sheets for new committees and hostess duties for the year of 2009-2010. Also, new Secret Sisters for the year of 2009-2010 were drawn. This meeting was the end of the year social and Secret Sister gift exchange. The next meeting is planned for September 8, 2009.

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# Around town

## Kids tourney to be at Lake Fryer

The Wolf Creek Improvement Board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the gazebo on the north shore of the lake. There will be

a \$1.00/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. The first 220 contestants will receive a free registration bag including a fishing pole and t-shirt. However, last year we had more contestants

than fishing poles so anyone who has a fishing pole is encouraged to bring theirs as backup!! Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages so no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 12:00 noon with prizes awarded at 1 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: ages 1-5, ages 6-10, and ages 11-14. Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found In The Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled The Furthest. A special category prize will be given for anyone 80 or over assisting a contestant. For further information please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications 806-435-3231 during business hours or Jan Hickey at 806-435-3249.

## Harvester Hall of Fame nominations sought

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Pampa High School Harvester Hall of Fame. Nominations for the 2009-2010 school year will be accepted through June 15, 2009. Nomination forms may be picked up at the Pampa Independent School District - Administrative Offices at 321 W. Albert, or downloaded from the Pampa ISD website at [www.pampaisd.net](http://www.pampaisd.net).

Nominations should be delivered to or addressed to Pampa Independent School District, Attention Karen Linder, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Nominees must have graduated from Pampa High School at least ten years ago, be successful for a number of years in their chosen field, be an excellent citizen in the community in which they live, and they must be present at

the Hall of Fame induction ceremony on September 18, 2009. All initiates will be selected by a committee comprised of the Pampa High School principal, student council sponsor, student body president, two Pampa High School alumni, and a senior and junior student. For more information regarding the Harvester Hall of Fame, contact Karen Linder at 669-4700.

## Nobles celebrate 25th anniversary

Butch Noble would like to announce his 25th wedding anniversary to Theresa Kay (Taylor) Noble on Monday May 18, 2009. When we got married some thought we would never had made it this far. We had some tough times through the years but I couldn't imagine my life without you. Looking back, I can now see that the tough times have brought us closer together and made us who we are today. I look forward to eternity with you and only God knows what he has in our future. I will love you forever!



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## Jimenez named to Pres. list

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology has named Kali D Jimenez to the Presidents list for the Spring 2009 semester. She was also named for the Presidents list for the previous 2 semesters. Kali is a senior and is set for graduation in August of 2009. To qualify for this distinction, a student must maintain a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours at the college. Kali is a 2007 Pampa High School graduate. She is the daughter of Misty and Tony Santacruz, and granddaughter to James and Patti Smith and Hortensia Jimenez.

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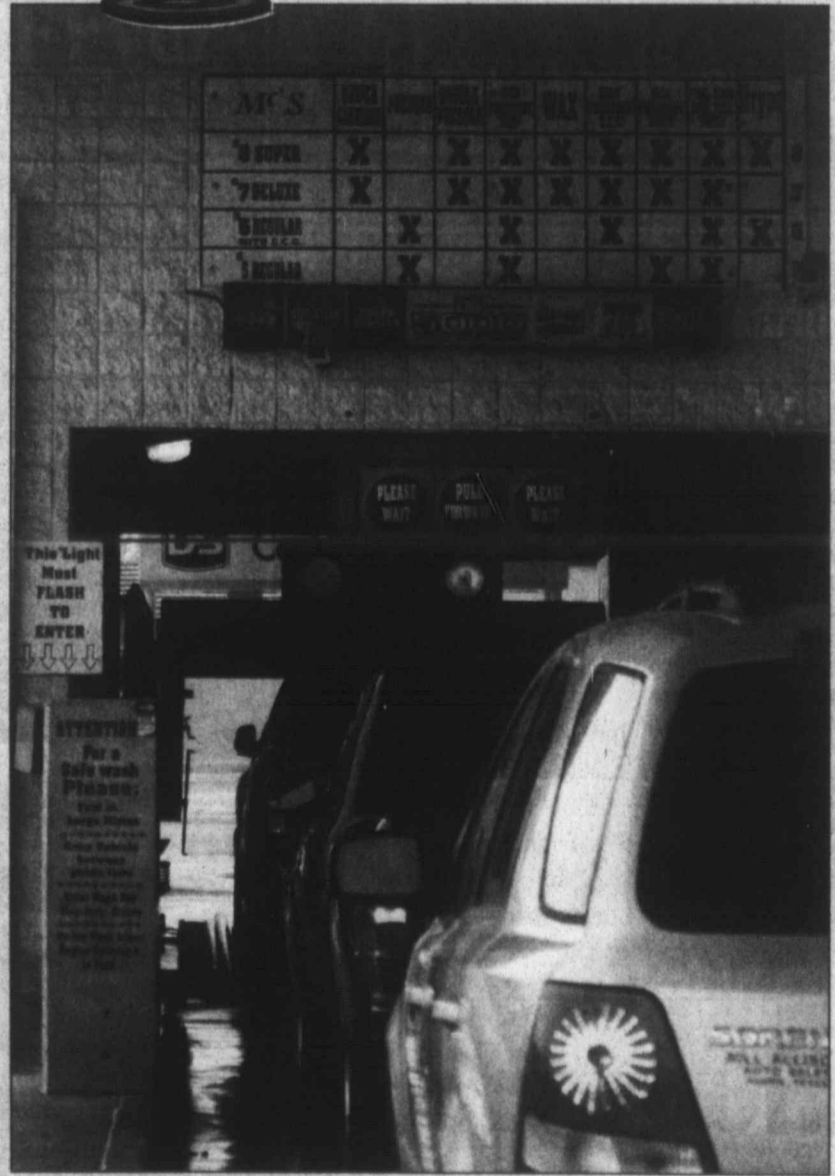
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# Around town

## WEEKLY MENUS

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**Tuesday**— Turkey & dressing or Salisbury Steak Au Jus, mashed potatoes, green beans, yams, beans,

slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, Dreamsicle Cake or Blackberry Cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread  
**Wednesday**— Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, creme corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, Yellow Cake or Chocolate Pie, hot rolls or cornbread  
**Thursday**— Chicken strips

or Pepper Steak/rice, tator tots, mac and tomatoes, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, Pistachio Cake or Vanilla Pudding cups, hot rolls or cornbread  
**Friday**— Catfish & hush-puppies or lasagna, potato wedges, steamed broccoli/cheese sauce, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, brownies or tapioca cups,

garlic bread, hot rolls, cornbread  
**Pampa Meals on Wheels**  
**Monday May 18**— BQ Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, Peaches Cobbler  
**Tuesday May 19**— Polish Sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake  
**Wednesday May 20**— Tator tots Casserole, cabbage, Black-eyed Peas, mixed fruit  
**Thursday May 21**— Ham, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding  
**Friday May 22**— Spaghetti/meatsauce, green beans, bread sticks, salad, cookies

and cheese nachos  
 Whipped potatoes  
 Corn  
 Applesauce  
 Hot roll  
**Breakfast:** waffle sticks  
 Friday  
 May 22  
 Holiday  
 Briarwood Kid's Cafe  
 May 21  
 Spaghetti  
 Salad  
 Garlic toast  
 Dessert  
 Drink  
 Wilson Kid's Cafe  
 May 18  
 Soft tacos  
 Beans

Lettuce and tomatoes  
 Dessert  
 Drink  
 May 19  
 Tator tot casserole  
 Corn  
 Salad  
 Dessert  
 Drink

## Art show May 19



Sixth grader Adrian Lopez working on a project in Rhonda Frels art class. There will be an Art exhibit on May 19, at Pampa Junior High School starting at 6:00 pm until 6:45 PM. Following the art Exhibit, there will be the PJHS choir spring festival on the front lawn. The public is invited to see the talented artists at PJHS and listen to the wonderful voices of Pampa Junior High School.

## ALTRUSA meeting notes

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa, Texas met May 12, 2009 at First United Methodist Church with Vice-President Kerrick Horton presiding. Mayda King and Chleo Worley served as greeters.

Heather Thompson, Jennifer Brumley, and Chase Brumley attended as guests.

The Accent was presented by Karen Bridges who spoke on the benefits of being an Altrusa member.

The club accepted with regret the resignations of Kelley Porter and DeeDee Laramore.

The club voted to provide funds for the Shattered Dreams program at Pampa High School.

Memberships were accepted for Julie Lorenz, Nicole Routh, and Tracy Bruce.

The club voted to host the Survivor Dinner for the Relay for Life June 22 at First United Methodist Church. Brenda Tucker will chair the event.

The club voted to provide school supplies for

### Laurence receives masters

Texas Tech University has conferred on Emily Waters Laurence a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership, with emphasis in principal certification on May 8, 2009. Laurence graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and received her Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology at Texas Christian University in December, 2003. She has taught in the Plainview, Azle and Pampa High schools, where she coached tennis. She lives in Stephenville with her husband Mike and daughter Sara Beth and teaches science in Huckabay. Laurence is the daughter of Diane and Lee Waters of Pampa and granddaughter of R.H. and Betty Dyson of Pampa.

students in Afghanistan, which will be distributed to the schools by U.S. soldiers in their area of operation.

The following committee reports and announcements were given:

Travis Reading Program end of school party was held May 5 in the Travis Cafeteria. Altrusa provided refreshments and games for the students involved in the reading program.

ASTRA officers for

2009-2010 were recently elected. Plans are being made for an ASTRA Club in Pampa Junior High.

Birthday wishes were extended to the following members who celebrate birthdays this month: Mayda King, Marian Stroup, Rochelle Lacy, Roxanne Funderburk, Sue Pribble, and Pat Johnson.

The next meeting will be held May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Center.

### Pampa Independent School District Menu

**Monday, May 18**  
 PBJ Uncrustable  
 Grilled cheese uncrustable (Travis only) or pizza  
 Green ebans  
 Sliced carrots  
 Pineapple tidbits  
**Breakfast:** biscuit, gravy  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
 Macaroni and cheese or chicken nuggets  
 English peas  
 Tossed salad  
 Peaches  
 Hot roll  
**Breakfast:** french toast sticks  
**Wednesday, May 20**  
 Barbeque on a bun pr pizza dippers  
 Baked beans  
 carrot sticks  
 Mixed fruit  
**Breakfast:** cinnamon toast  
**Thursday, May 21**  
 Oven fried chicken or beef

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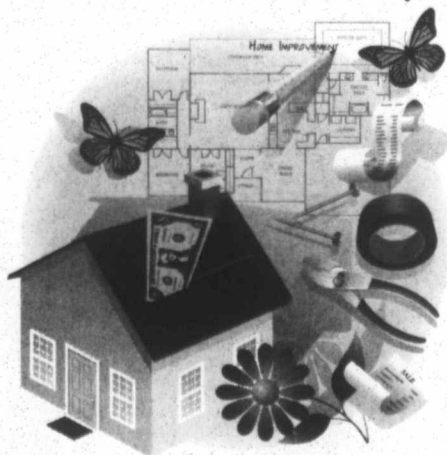
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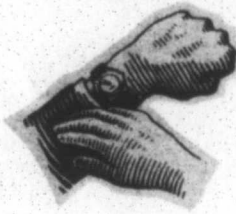


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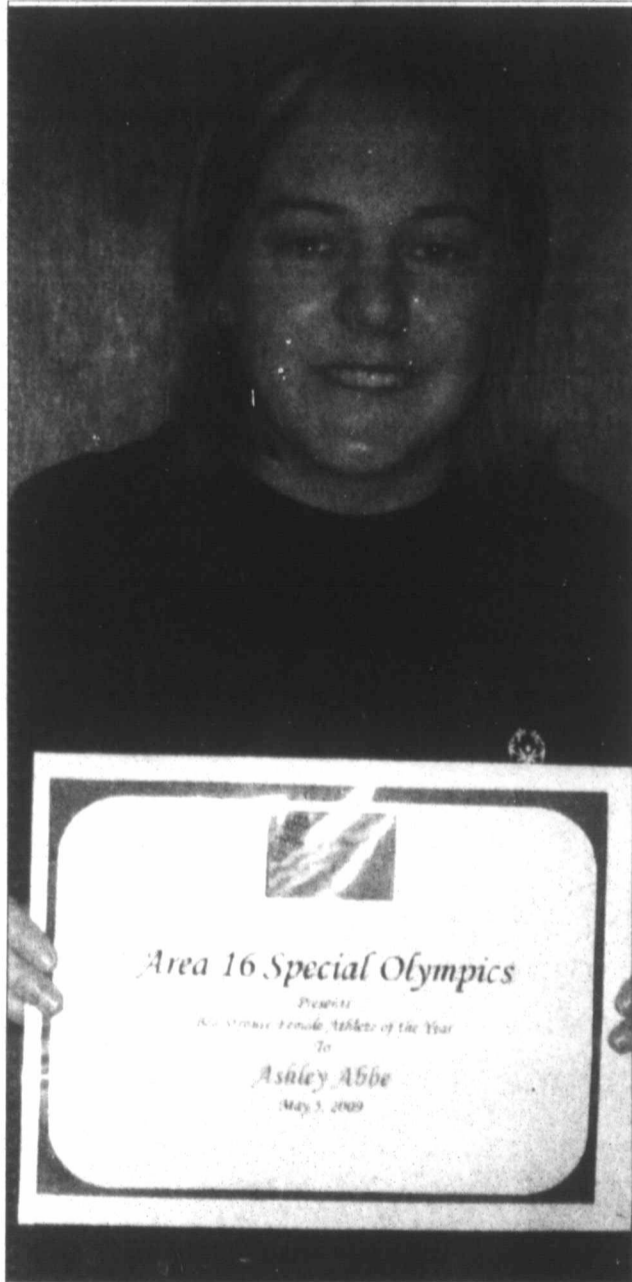


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## Around town

### Special Olympics award



Ashley Abbe of Pampa Special Olympics had been awarded the Bea Strouse Memorial Award for Female Athlete of the Year for Region 16. This award is presented to a female athlete in Region 16 who best exhibits the attributes of courage, spirit, and determination. Bea Strouse was an inspirational coach who inspired her athletes to greatness. Ashley participates in golf, bowling, basketball, and track with other athletes in Pampa.

### House panel OKs smoking ban bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The House State Affairs Committee has approved a smoking ban bill, a watered-down version of the original bill.

The committee approved the measure 8-4 on Friday. Advocates for a statewide ban, led by the coalition Smoke-Free Texas, praised the fact that a bill emerged from committee but said it has concerns that the original intent of Republican Rep. Myra Crownover's legislation would be destroyed in what was approved.

### Clarendon College honors top students at annual banquet

Clarendon College recently honored the top students in Academics and Athletics at its annual end of year Honor Banquet. Students receiving awards are:

Ricardo Martinez, Albuquerque, NM— Algebra

Brant Shores, Amarillo, TX— Outstanding Meats Judging Student

Jeffrey Hunt, Amarillo, TX— Outstanding Online Student

Jory Hammond, Amarillo, TX— Outstanding Theatre Tech

Casey Cason, Aragon, GA— Outstanding Freshman

Lauren Weinert, Arlington, TX— Botany

Lauren Weinert, Arlington, TX— Public Speaking

Nahinahi Keanaaina, Captain Cook, HI— WACJAC All Conference Honorable Mention

Lena Soto, Carrollton, TX— Pitcher of the Year

Sade Rae Cobb, Clarendon, TX— Best English 1302 Student

Smith Sisomsouk, Clarendon, TX— Best English 1302 Student

Tamara Holland, Clarendon, TX— Human A & P II

Lora Simpson, Clarendon, TX— Interpersonal

Abby Patten, Clarendon, TX— Outstanding Speech Student

Mindy Burrows, Clarendon, TX— Psychology

Chireen Bradshaw, Clarendon, TX— Zoology

Rudy Corrales, Dimmitt, TX— Best Reining Horse

Brian Batchler, Florence, TX— Best Trail Horse for Ranch Horse

Keely Daniels, Groom, Tx— Best Working Cow Horse

Sam Lovely, Hedley, TX— Best English 1301 Student

Will Verstuft, Hedley, TX— Calculus II

Sydney Shipp, Hedley, TX— Most Outstanding Equine Student

Jaci Copelin, Hedley, TX— Outstanding Theatre

Actor

Angie Gasio, Honolulu, HI— WACJAC Region 5 All Conference

Corey Taylor, Humble, TX— Outstanding Livestock Judging Student

Robert Berry, Huntsville, TX— Best Ranch Pleasure Horse

Matthew Rose, Keller, TX— Most Improved English Student

Gabriel Thibodeau, Laval Quebec, Canada— Business Calculus

Regina Howard, Lefors, TX— PC Software

Caleb Crosswhite, McKinney, TX— Microbiology

Caleb Crosswhite, McKinney, TX— Outstanding Meats Judging Student

Chase Bohlar, McLean, TX— McLean HS Dual-Credit Technology

Elaine Bailey, McLean, TX— Most Improved 1302 English Student

Tim Lowry, Memphis, TX— Microcomputer Applications

Tim Lowry, Memphis, TX— Trigonometry

Shanee Williams, Nocona, TX— Most Improved Ranch Horse

Charles Tooley, Pampa, TX— Help Desk

Jesse Glaesman, Pampa, TX— Information Security

Justin Roark, Pampa, TX— Network Fundamentals

John West, Pampa, TX— Network Infrastructure

Gordon Seaman, Pampa, TX— Operating Systems

Marcie Costley, Pampa, TX— Outstanding Chemistry Student (Pampa)

Brittany Monds, Pampa, TX— Outstanding History Student

Mathew Blair, Pampa, TX— PC Hardware

Lance Porter, Pampa, TX— Programming Fundamentals

Jimmie Adams, Pampa, TX— Server Directory Services

Andrew Lowrance, Pampa, TX— Server Implementation and Maintenance

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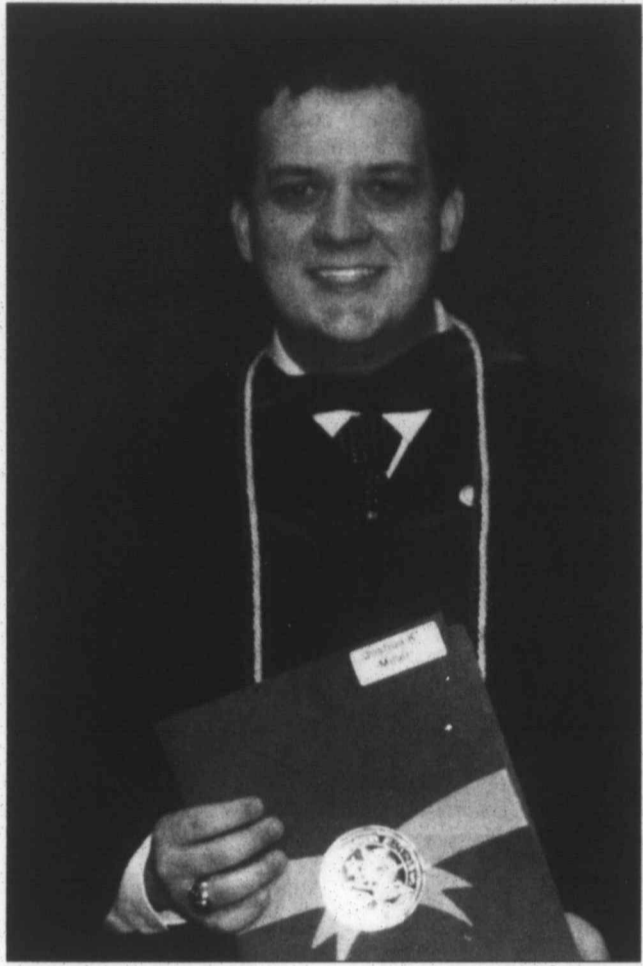


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# Around town

## SWOSU HONORS GM eliminating about 1,100 dealer franchises



Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy seniors were recently honored at a graduate recognition ceremony held on the Weatherford campus. All seniors were awarded their Doctor of Pharmacy hoods. Various senior awards were also presented to outstanding students. Among the students receiving awards was Joshua K. Miller, Pampa TX, ASP Outstanding Senior Recognition Award.

## Senate sends booster bill to governor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Children under age 8 would have to be secured in a booster seat when riding in a passenger vehicle under a bill given final approval by the Texas Senate on Friday and sent to Gov. Rick Perry.

Current law requires booster seats for children under 5 and shorter than 3 feet tall. If allowed by Perry to become law, it would apply to children under 8 or 4-feet-9 or shorter.

Supporters say seat belts do not fit children properly and can injure or kill them in an accident.

Starting in June 2010, people who don't follow the law would face a \$25 fine, which would be used to buy booster seats for low-income families. Until then, police officers would only issue warnings. Subsequent violations could result in fines up to \$250.

Experts say children between 4 and 8 who are using adult restraints are

likely to suffer severe head, spinal cord and internal injuries during accidents and that booster seats can reduce that risk of injury by more than 50 percent.

Opponents had argued that it would be difficult for some parents to comply, especially if they car pool or have to unexpectedly arrange for alternate transportation.

About 40 other states already require parents to follow the age and height requirements in the bill.

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NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. on Friday told about 1,100 dealers, or nearly 20 percent of its U.S. network, that they will be fired by the automaker late next year because their sales are weak.

GM's announcement is more bad economic news for dealers, communities and businesses still reeling from Chrysler's similar nationwide dealer cuts a day earlier. Both automakers are scrambling to reorganize and stay alive in a severe recession that has devastated sales of cars and trucks.

While GM doesn't own the dealers, its network is too big, causing dealers to compete with each other and giving shoppers too much leverage to talk down prices and hurt the company's future sales.

"Too many dealers, in actuality, are a problem," Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of North American sales and marketing, said in a conference call with reporters.

GM declined to reveal which dealers will be eliminated and left it up to franchise owners to report the decision to customers.

The cuts are part of a larger GM plan to drop 2,600, or nearly 42 percent of its 6,200 dealerships as the automaker tries to restructure outside of bankruptcy court and become profitable again. Thousands of jobs will likely be lost and govern-

ments will lose untold dollars in tax revenue as dealerships are forced to close.

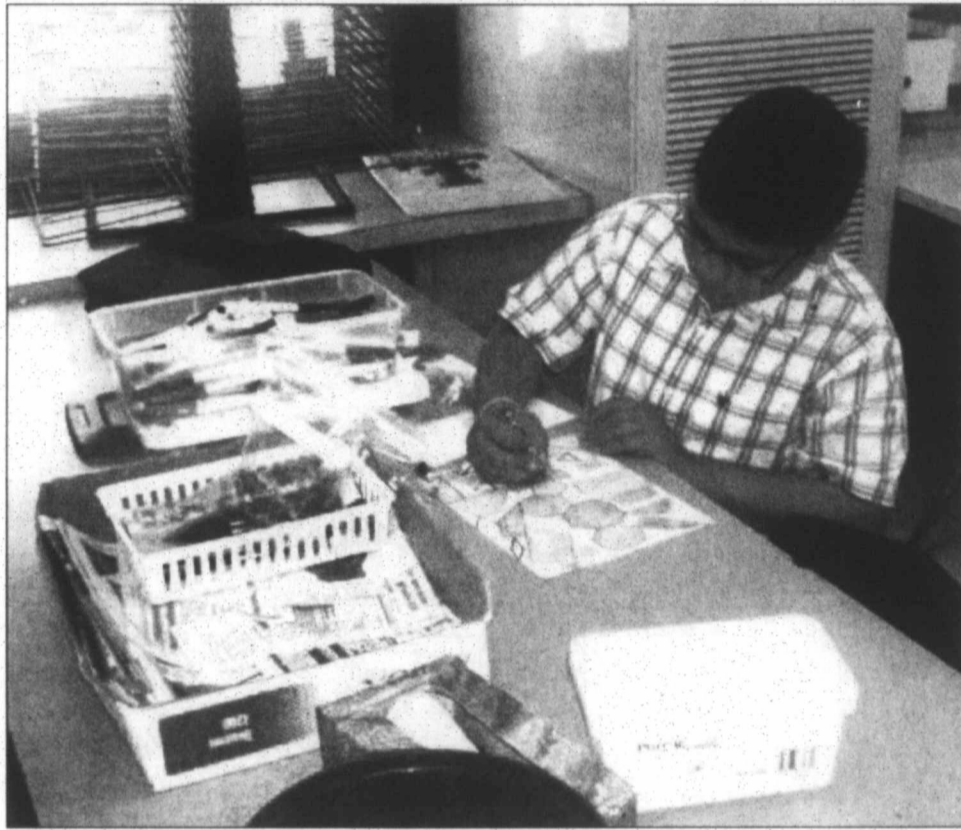
Besides the 1,100 dealership cuts, the company will provide updates to about 470 Saturn, Hummer and Saab dealerships on the status of those brands, which it plans to sell.

Friday's cuts will not be the last. GM said it expects to lose more dealers through attrition.

Ultimately, about 90 percent of the remaining dealerships will stay with GM, the company said.

FedEx letters bearing the bad news began arriving Friday morning at GM franchises around the country. The letter states that dealers were judged on sales, customer service scores, location, condition of facilities and other criteria.

"Based on our review and current foreseeable market conditions and your dealership's historical performance, we do not see that GM have a productive business relationship with (your dealership) over the long term," according to the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.



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# Around town

## Girl Scout Racer



Girl Scout troop 5514 stand together outside the Girl Scout House with the soap box derby car Savannah Kobernik (sitting in the car) won at Girl Scout's day on April 4. Kobernik raced the car in the Soap Box Derby on Saturday morning in Amarillo at.

## Science fair winners announced in Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Projects exploring learning genes in tiny organisms, detecting water pollution using glowing bacteria, and evolutionary links between bees and microscopic worms earned three young scientists \$50,000 scholarships on Friday.

Tara Adiseshan, 14, Charlottesville, Va., Li Boynton, 17, Bellaire, Texas, and Olivia Schwob, 16, Boston, were named the top winners at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held this week in Reno.

More than 1,500 high school students from 56 countries, regions and territories around the world were chosen as finalists and attended the 60th annual event organized by the Society for Science & the Public.

Intel Corp., the world's largest computer chip maker, is the title sponsor and in all awarded nearly \$4 million in scholarships through its foundation.

Adiseshan in her project focused on the evolutionary relationships between sweat bees and nematodes. Her findings, event experts said, provide a greater understanding of interactions between the organisms and insight into evolution of the two species.

Boynton explored the economic use of bioluminescent bacterium for detecting a broad range of water contaminants and a pesticide. Her project showed a correlation between a reduction in light intensity of bacteria cultures and the presence and toxicity of contamination.

Schwob researched how to improve learning in a small organism by making it express a gene that it does not normally express. The findings, fair officials said, could help in better understanding how people learn and possibly lead to treatments for mental disabilities in the future.



Amanda Renea Merrell and Eric Lynn Brown

## Merrell, Brown to wed

Randy Merrell and Lisa Nagle of Pampa, Texas, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Renea Merrell, also of Pampa. The prospective groom is Eric Lynn Brown. Parents of the groom are Terry and Belinda Brown of Pampa, Texas. The wedding is set for June 16, 2009 at Central Park in Pampa. Amanda and Eric are both graduates of Pampa High School, and Eric is currently employed at Wal-Mart.

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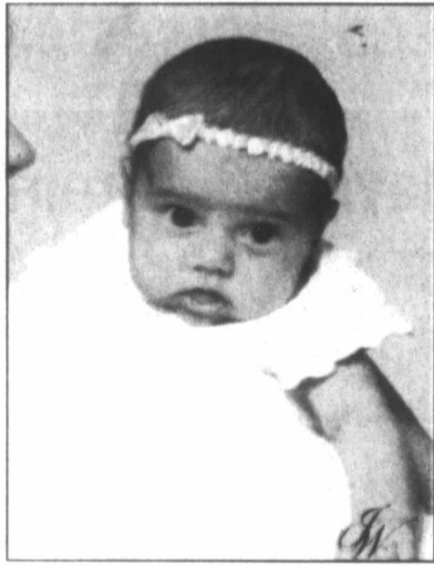
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## Welcome Piper Lane Martin



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## May rally for energy prices stalls

NEW YORK (AP) - Rapidly climbing energy prices stalled this week as a steady stream of dismal financial news suggested that even if the global economy has bottomed out, it will be some time before demand for crude rebounds.

Benchmark crude for June delivery dropped \$1.91 to \$56.71 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Since the start of May, oil prices have jumped by nearly \$8 a barrel as it appeared the worst of the recession was over.

But a string of forecasts showing a larger drop in

world oil consumption sent prices downward to end the week. The International Energy Agency, the U.S. Energy Information Administration and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries all lowered crude demand expectations this week.

Retail gas prices continued to rise Friday, as they have every day this month, with refiners cutting back on production to match lessening demand. A forecast by AAA showed that more Americans are expected to travel on Memorial Day than last year, but few are

predicting a healthy summer travel season.

A number of oil analysts believe that the only thing propping up energy prices this year is the re-entry into the market of hedge funds and other large investors who see crude as a hedge against inflation. Many traders on Nymex do not believe there are fundamentals in place to support prices this high.

Prices at the pump rose another penny overnight to \$2.29 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Gas is 23.9 cents a gallon more

expensive than last month, but \$1.486 cheaper than last year.

Prices are rising just before the Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer driving season.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for June delivery was down 4.67 cents at \$1.677 a gallon and heating oil dropped 7.54 cents to \$1.4193 a gallon. Natural gas for June delivery slid 13.6 cents to \$4.156 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent prices lost 69 cents to \$56.00 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.



High gas prices posted at a Shell gas station in San Mateo, Calif., Thursday, May 14, 2009. Oil prices hopped above \$58 a barrel Thursday even though U.S. unemployment continued to rise and a new report predicted the world's petroleum appetite will shrink even more than expected this year. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

## Tucson Citizen converts to web only

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Arizona's oldest continuously published daily newspaper, the Tucson Citizen, will publish its final print edition Saturday

but will continue operating online.

A Gannett Co. official told the newspaper's staff Friday that the paper will continue with a Web site

edition providing commentary and opinion but no news coverage.

Gannett, the largest newspaper publisher in the country, had announced plans in January to close the Citizen if it didn't find a buyer for certain assets by March 21.

Shortly before the original planned closing, Gannett had said it would delay the shutdown as it negotiated with two potential buyers. Those talks ultimately had proved unsuccessful.

The newspaper had about 65 employees as of Friday.

## Corpus Christi man dies from swine flu

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - Nueces County officials say a Corpus Christi man has died from the swine flu.

The unidentified 33-year-old man died May 5 or May 6 after getting sick earlier in the month, said Dr. William Burgin Jr., the medical authority for the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District. He says the man had multiple medical conditions, including heart problems, that made it more difficult for him to survive any viral illness.

Burgin says the man, a single parent, had three children and that only one of the kids got sick. The child was treated with Tamiflu and is now doing

better. Burgin says Nueces County health officials got confirmation Friday morning the man had died from swine flu.

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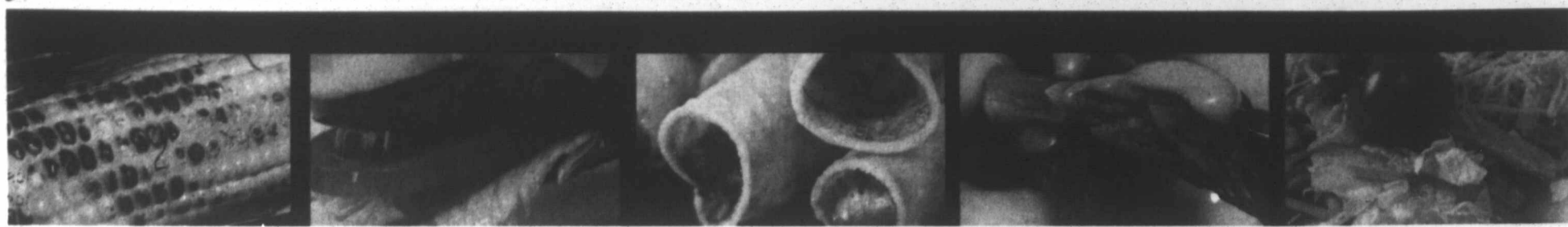
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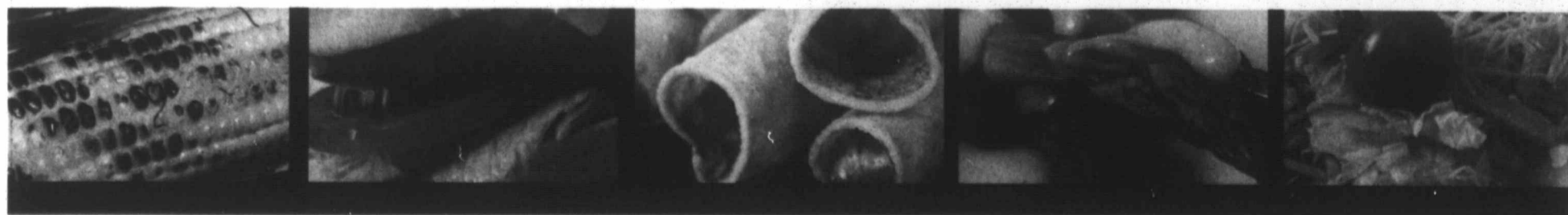
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The Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection will be a special section in our Monday, June 1 issue.



# Consumer prices flat, industrial production dips

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices were flat in April, while industrial production fell by the smallest amount in six months — further evidence that the recession's grip is slowly easing.

The disappearance of inflation has been a product of the country's deep recession as surging job layoffs dampen wage pressures and weak consumer demand keeps a lid on price increases. Some economists are worried about a dangerous bout of falling prices, but most say that possibility remains remote because the Federal Reserve has responded with force to combat the current downturn.

The Labor Department said Friday its Consumer Price Index was flat last month after dipping 0.1 percent in March, meeting economists' expectations.

The docile inflation performance reflected a second monthly drop in energy costs and a third straight decline in food prices.

Over the past year, consumer prices have fallen 0.7 percent, the largest 12-month decline since a similar drop for the 12 months ending in June 1955.

A destabilizing period of falling prices has not been seen in the U.S. since the Great Depression of the 1930s, although Japan suffered through a period of deflation in the 1990s.

The Fed said output by the nation's factories, mines and utilities fell 0.5 percent last month, after revised declines of 1.7 percent in March and 1 percent in February. Analysts expected a drop of 0.6 percent last month.

Still, the report showed U.S. industry remains

weak. Industrial production has fallen in 15 of the 17 months since the recession began in December 2007, and is down 16 percent since then.

"Overall, yet another report that fits within the picture of an economy contracting more slowly but still far from an actual recovery," Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a note Friday.

Meanwhile, a Reuters/University of Michigan index of consumer sentiment rose to an eight-month high in May. But after European countries reported a 2.5 percent contraction in the first quarter, investors were nervous.

On Wall Street, stocks fell. The Dow Jones industrial average lost about 40 points in afternoon trading, while broader indices also slipped.

Core inflation, which excludes food and energy, rose 0.3 percent last month, the biggest jump since July. However, 40 percent of April's gain came from a huge rise in tobacco prices, reflecting an increase in federal taxes.

Consumers in the U.S. and overseas — fearful of losing their jobs or homes — likely will remain cautious spenders in the months ahead, a Fed official said Friday.

"Under these conditions, I envision a slow recovery," Richard Fisher, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said in prepared remarks to a banking convention in San Antonio, Texas. "Not a V-shaped snapback — nor even a U-shaped one — but a very slow slog as we find a more sensible and sustainable mix between consumption and savings

and investment."

Energy prices dropped 2.4 percent in April and are down 25.2 percent over the past 12 months, as prices retreat from record-highs set last spring and summer. Food costs fell 0.2 percent in April as the price of dairy products dropped sharply.

Most economists believe inflation will not be a threat for a prolonged period. The CPI followed a report Thursday that wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent in April, but fell 3.7 percent over the past 12 months, the biggest decline since 1950.

The concerns about deflation are muted in this country because of the aggressive actions taken so far by the Fed. The central bank has pushed a key interest rate to a record low near zero and has taken a number of other measures

to flood the banking system with cash to deal with a severe credit crisis.

There are more worries about deflation in other parts of the world. Prices have been falling again in Japan, China and India as the global economy deals with what the International Monetary Fund has said will be the worst global downturn since the 1930s.

A year ago, the Fed was worrying about the threat of runaway inflation as prices for crude-oil and other energy products hit record-highs. But since last fall when the financial crisis hit, the Fed switched its focus to boosting economic growth.

"The recent pressures have been to the deflationary side, though we seem to have beaten that back," Fisher said.

## No charges after man accused of firing at 'Dog'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Prosecutors have dropped charges against a man accused of shooting at bounty hunter Duane "Dog" Chapman and another man during a pursuit being videotaped for a reality TV show.

An attempted-murder charge was dropped because of conflicting witness statements and because the evidence was weak, El Paso County Assistant DA Dan Zook said Thursday.

Chapman and bail bondsman Bobby Brown told Colorado Springs police they were fired on while chasing Hoang Nguyen, 35, last month after Nguyen missed a court date on a

domestic violence charge.

The chase was being videotaped for A&E's "Dog the Bounty Hunter" reality TV show. Chapman and Brown say they weren't injured.

Zook said Brown, Chapman and Chapman's son Leland gave conflicting accounts about whether they saw a gun and how far away the alleged shooter was. Police found no bullet hole, bullet or shell casing and Chapman didn't respond to several requests for videotapes of the incident, Zook said.

Chapman said he was satisfied with the outcome. "It's my job to find 'em and fix 'em, not put more charges on a fugitive," he

said in a statement released by a publicist. "That's not my style. Nguyen apologized to me when I captured him, and I'm cool with that."

Nguyen's public defender, Bill Schoewe, says he plans to ask the judge to order prosecutors to file false-reporting charges over the incident and advised Nguyen to file a civil suit.



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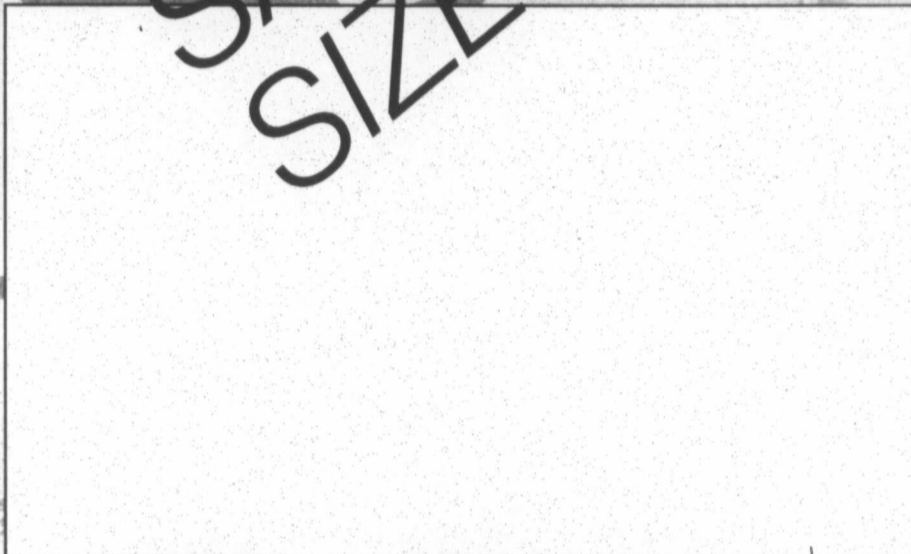
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# US government pays farmers to till the desert

FRESNO, California (AP) — As drought forces families in America's West to shorten their showers and let their lawns turn brown, two Depression-era government programs have been paying some of the nation's biggest farms hundreds of millions of dollars to grow water-thirsty crops in what was once desert.

Records obtained by The Associated Press show that the federal government handed out more than \$687 million in subsidies over the past two years to hundreds of farmers in California and Arizona, the most seriously drought-stricken states in the West.

One program pays farmers for planting water-needy crops such as cotton and rice, which are largely grown by flooding the fields. The other provides cut-rate water for irrigation.

Farmers and government officials strongly defend the subsidies, saying they produce an abundance of food and jobs.

But now, with the West booming in population and the region gripped by both recession and a dry spell, environmentalists, city dwellers and members of Congress are demanding the government end or scale back this decades-old practice that essentially rewards farms for using water, not conserving it.

"With our weather patterns, with climate change, and our population growth, we've got to look at how we use every drop," said Rep. George Miller, a Democrat who represents part of the San Francisco Bay area. "We need to take a serious look at policies that encourage economically inefficient and unsus-

tainable uses of our limited clean water supplies."

Since the drought began in 2007, the government has steered about \$79 million in water subsidies to California farms, according to an AP analysis of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation records. California cotton and rice farmers received an additional \$439 million in subsidies doled out for commodity crops, according to an AP examination of U.S. Department of Agriculture data obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

Arizona farmers have received nearly \$170 million since 2007 in water and crop subsidies, mostly for cotton, records show.

Exactly how much California farmers will get in subsidies in 2009 is unclear, but it could be significantly less. Facing a third dry year and record-low reservoirs, the Bureau of Reclamation, which manages many dams and reservoirs in the West, announced major water cutbacks last month in California. For now, hundreds of farmers will get no irrigation water from the federal government, although they could get some later this year.

The cutbacks are leading some farmers to switch to less-thirsty crops or leave their fields fallow.

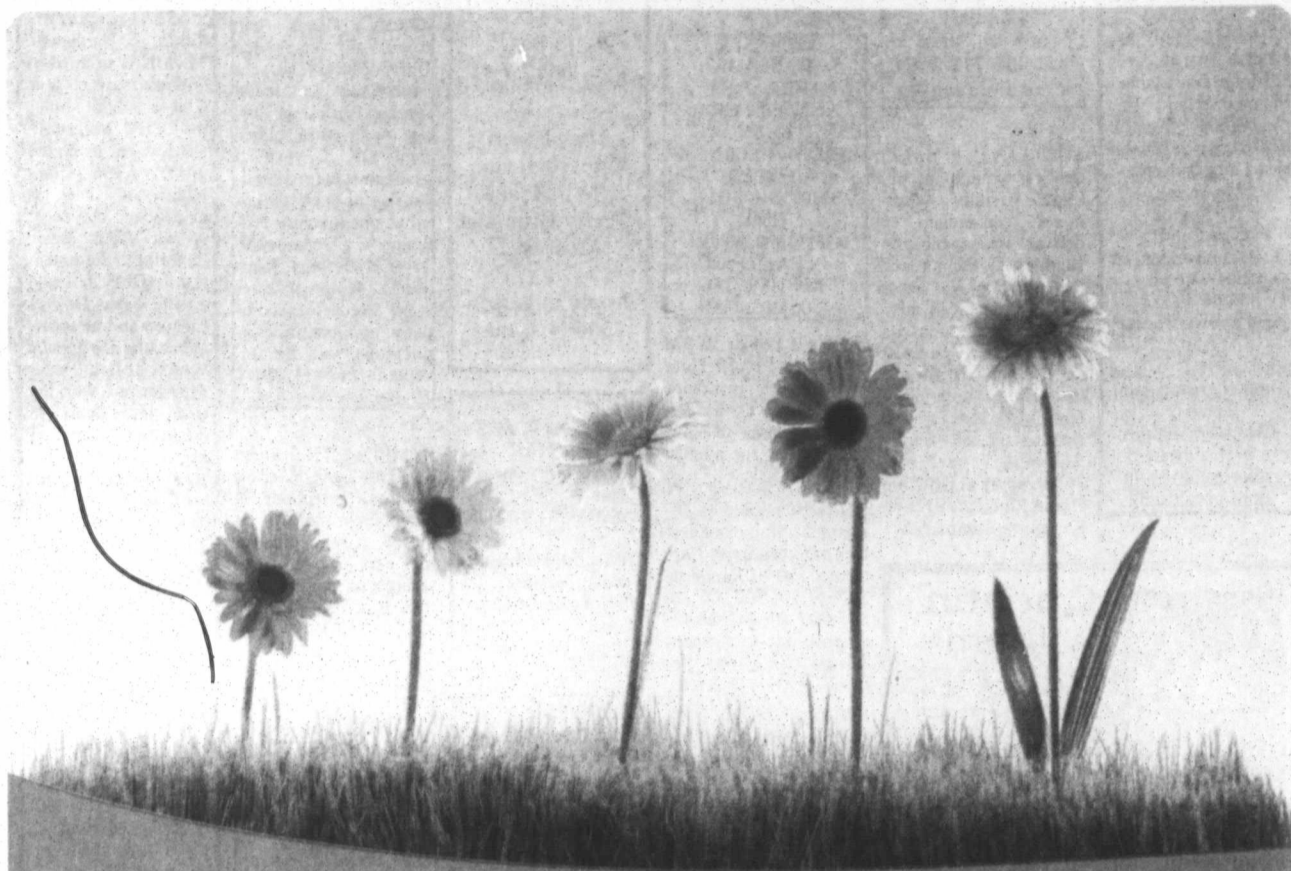
East of the Rockies, other rice- and cotton-growing states, such as Texas and Louisiana, get federal crop subsidies, too, but not cheap water through the Bureau of Reclamation, which operates only in the West. Also, the tug-of-war over water between the cities and the countryside is far more intense in booming California and Arizona.

USDA officials acknowledge that even during the drought, the system has encouraged farmers to sow cotton and rice, which

require more water per acre than other major commodities grown in California and Arizona. For example, a California farmer uses

a quarter more water to grow an acre of cotton than wheat. The USDA's chief economist, Larry Salathe, said a surging population

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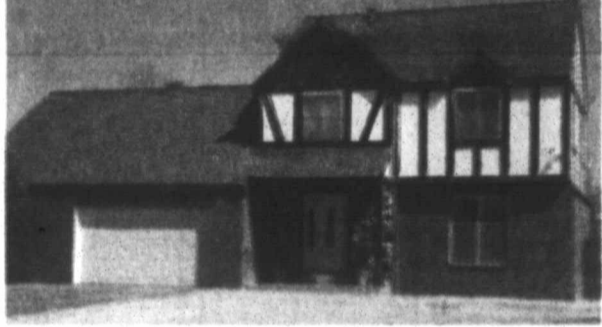
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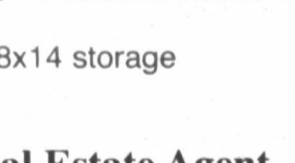
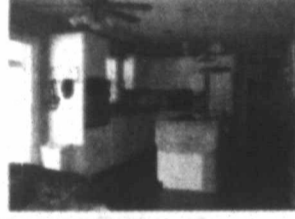


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