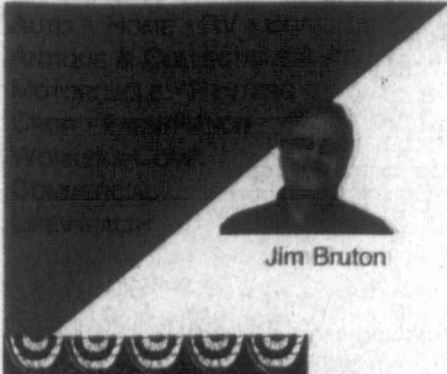


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## Sales tax down, but city's in the black

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Despite decreasing sale tax receipts, the City of Pampa may be able to finish their fiscal year in the black.

For the third month in a row, sales tax receipts for Pampa were below what had been expected when the city's budget was drawn up a year ago. Since that budget was adopt-

ed, economic woes have rattled the nation and the world.

"It's still dropping," Bailey said Robin Bailey, the city's finance director, "but we're still about five percent over what we budgeted to this point of the year."

She said the city could still meet its budget.

"It just depends upon how these next few months

come out," Bailey said. "We're just under one percent under last year's collections to date."

Because of the conservative budget adopted by the Pampa City Commission, the city is holding its own.

"We're always conservative with our budgeting," Bailey said.

She said the city budgeted for \$2,976,047.99 through July of this year

for sales tax revenues. To date, they have collected \$3,125,838.27, or \$149,790.28 above what they expected.

Unfortunately, that's about \$29,000 less than the same period last year, so sales tax revenues are down almost one percent from 2007-2008.

For July, the city received a total of \$307,233.14 in sale taxes. The Pampa

Economic Development Corporation gets \$76,808.29 of that, leaving the city with \$230,424.86.

The city has collected a total of \$4,167,784.36 so far this year. The PEDC got \$1,041,946.09 of that, leaving the city with \$3,125,838.27.

If the present trend continues, the city will finish its fiscal year at the end of

TAXES cont. on page 3

## Perry praises police group, anti-gang law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Friday that in too many cases transnational gangs have law officers outgunned but that police help is on the way with a recently passed state law.

Perry told the Texas Municipal Police Association that the new law will allow for more electronic monitoring of gang members, subject them to possible civil lawsuits and establish "gang-free zones" in public places like schools, playgrounds and youth centers.

"That puts some teeth in the efforts to combat one of the biggest threats I think that we have in the state right now and that's with transnational gangs," Perry said. "In too many cases they've got you outgunned. They're very well organized, and they're better funded than ever before."

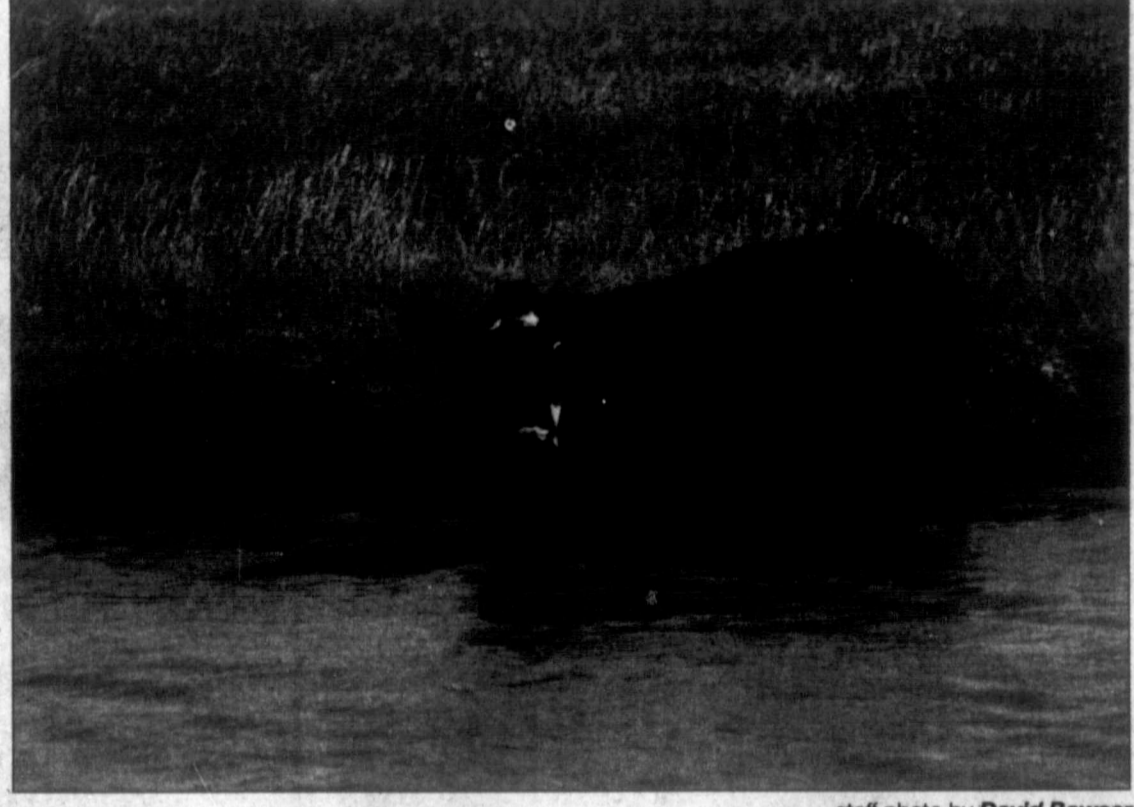
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## Hwy 60 CRASH



At least one person was injured and transported by LifeStar helicopter in a crash in the intersection of Loop 171 and Hwy. 60 Friday. Pampa firefighters responded to the crash and are shown stabilizing the vehicle. Details were not available at press time.

## BEATING THE HEAT



Taking a dip on a hot summer's day, a cow east of Pampa wades into a pasture pond. With the high temperatures over 100 degrees over the weekend, forecasters are calling for a sunny but cooler trend next week with temperatures dropping into the 90s. There is a chance of thunderstorms toward the end of the week.

## Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection winners

The results are in and they are delicious!

The winners in The Pampa News' Pampa Perfect recipes exchange have been duly read, debated, sorted, tried and approved by the staff who seemed more than willing to undergo the ordeal.

Receiving \$50 in the following categories for their submissions were:

- Sumptuous Salads  
 Sue's Reception Salad, submitted by Donna S. Daniels.
- Enviably Entrees  
 Lanett's Mom's Sneaky Meatloaf, submitted by Lanette Willis

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## Midland wells contaminated with chromium

BETSY BLANEY  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 WRITER

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Beverly Crouch spent hundreds of dollars on chemicals last fall to try to get the green tinge out of her backyard pool.

All for naught.

It wasn't until two months ago that she learned why the chemicals she put into her 13,000-gal-

lon, above-ground pool wouldn't clear the water. The green color came from well water contaminated with hexavalent chromium, a known human carcinogen.

Crouch, 44, isn't alone. Some of her neighbors' wells gushed water the color of urine.

Texas environmental officials are still trying to determine the extent of

the contamination. Later this month, they will ask the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to consider the site for federal Superfund status.

After that, efforts will begin to find who dumped the dangerous chemical, which appears to have been in the area for years, according to one environmental investigator.

Residents have enlist-

ed the help of Erin Brockovich, the environmental crusader who helped Hinkley, Calif., residents after their groundwater was found to be contaminated by the same chemical.

"Nobody should be taking the situation lightly," said Brockovich, who came to Midland in June to meet with Cotton Flats residents. "We can't take

back the damage that's been done."

Industrial workers who breathe airborne hexavalent chromium may get lung cancer, and it can irritate or damage the nose, throat and lungs if inhaled at high levels. It can also damage eyes or skin.

People and animals exposed to hexavalent chromium in drinking

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**Sunday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 72. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Obituaries There are no obituaries today

### Wells contaminated

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water face an increased risk of stomach tumors.

As of June 30, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has found contamination in about one-third of the 125 wells tested in Cotton Flats, a community south of Interstate 20 on the fringe of Midland.

Most of the Cotton Flats homes are in Midland County and are not connected to the city's water supply.

The highest reading was 5,250 parts of chromium per billion — or more than 50 times the maximum allowed by the EPA.

Hexavalent chromium compounds, a toxic form of the element chromium, are man-made and used as an anticorrosive and rust inhibitor; in chrome plating; in pressure treating of wood; in dyes and pigments; and in leather tanning.

The state environmental agency continues to test wells; so far the commission has spent more than \$1 million on testing and

dealing with the contamination. Texas law allows the agency to seek reimbursement from polluters for costs associated with dealing with the contamination. Such costs would include filtration systems the commission has installed at homes where levels of hexavalent chromium exceed the EPA maximum.

The filtration systems provide water that is safe for all household uses, agency spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said.

The well tests began in early April, but it not known how long the chemical has been in the groundwater, Morrow said.

Some think the agency isn't moving quickly enough.

"When there an emergency like this it can be perceived that no one is moving fast enough," said Bob Bowcock, an environmental engineer investigating the Midland County contamination with Brockovich.

The concentrations of

hexavalent chromium are the highest he's ever seen in groundwater, and he believes the chemical has been in the groundwater for up to five years.

The culprit is definitely oilfield activity, Bowcock said, saying that's the only industry in the area.

Fourteen-year-old Ashlee Elder experienced the effects in her grandmother's pool while swimming with friends.

"It burns your eyes and your skin hurts afterward," she said. "I didn't want to get back into it afterward. No one did."

Elder's grandmother, Kay Sathre, is the unofficial point person for the community. Her 9-year-old granddaughter had a skin rash for months from swimming regularly in her pool.

"This is what we get for living in the middle of the oilfields," Sathre said.

Bowcock and some Cotton Flats residents believe Schlumberger, an oilfield services company, is responsible. In

an e-mailed statement, company spokesman Stephen T. Harris denied Schlumberger is to blame.

"Schlumberger fully appreciates the concern of the public and continues to cooperate with the TCEQ to help identify sources of chromium in the area," Harris wrote. "Independent groundwater tests, however, indicate that the source of the contamination is likely an adjacent site unrelated to our facility."

Sheldon Johnson, who has lived in Cotton Flats for 17 years and works for the city of Midland, said he doubts whoever is responsible will step forward.

Johnson and others frequently check and change the filters inside the system to ensure they are working properly. The potential health threat is never far from their thoughts.

"We go to bed with it on our minds, we wake up with it on our minds," he said. "All of us worry, 'Is our filtration system working?'"

### Winners

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Produce Perfected  
Garden Patch Bread, submitted by Kathy Harrah

Comfort Casseroles  
Blackeyed Pea Casserole, submitted by Pat Stubbs

Down Home Desserts  
Suzanne's Rum Cake, submitted by Suzanne Knott

Bodacious Beverages  
Cranberry Punch, submitted by Lanette Willis

A big thanks from the staff to everyone who took the time to share their recipes.

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## Perry

Perry, who signed the bill into law in June, said gang violence is a problem statewide. He has been particularly outspoken against gang activity along the Texas-Mexico border.

"The bottom line is that we acknowledge gangs are a significant threat and we're going to give you the resources that you need to drive them out of existence," Perry said.

Perry drew chuckles from the law enforcement audience when he took a job at the American Civil Liberties Union, saying, "If it were up to the ACLU, I'm sure the response would be to hand out more milk and cookies."

Rebecca Bernhardt, pol-

icy director for the ACLU of Texas, said her organization is "an easy target. That's not new." But she said her group worked hard on the legislation Perry was touting and felt that it improved throughout the legislative session.

The ACLU of Texas pressed for increased accountability in homeland security, more training for criminal intelligence collection and a law enforcement focus on threats like Mexican drug cartel crime and prison gangs — and away from traffic stops, she said.

"I guess my main point is, no milk and cookies on that list," Bernhardt said.

The governor called this

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year's legislative session "a great success." He said he's pleased lawmakers renewed state funding for border security, though he still wants more help on that front from the federal government.

Perry never mentioned his 2010 Republican primary race against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. But he seemed to be working to shore up support from law enforcement, noting that he has a long history of working with the police association. He praised the work of police and other first responders during and after Hurricane Ike last year.

## Taxes

September with a surplus of \$186,228.19, but sales collections for the past three months have been below budget.

May was 18.53 less than the city had budgeted and 23.15 percent less than collected the previous year.

June was 3.61 percent below budget and 9.03 percent less than the year before.

July was 12.31 percent less than budget and 17.28

percent below the previous year's collections.

Fortunately, the city commission budgeted less for fiscal year 2008-2009 than it had collected for 2007-2008.

"Last year's annual collections were \$3.9 million," Bailey said, "and we only budgeted \$3.7 million for this year."

For 2007-2008, when the economy was stronger, the city collected

\$3,922,218.95.

For 2008-2009, the city projected getting \$3,700,000.00 in sales tax revenues.

"We have two months to make up that \$500,000," Bailey said.

The good news is that one of those two months, August, will reflect collection from Pampa businesses that pay quarterly. That usually swells the sales tax numbers.



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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, July 10, the 191st day of 2009. There are 174 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:  
1559 - Mary, Queen of Scots, claims title of Queen of England in opposition to Elizabeth I. Her political actions provoke rebellion among the Scottish nobles and she is beheaded in 1587 as a Catholic threat to the English throne.

1645 - Oliver Cromwell's army defeats British Royalists at Naseby and Langport, where the last two field armies of King Charles I were destroyed.

1943 - Allied forces land in Sicily, Italy, during World War II.

1962 - Telstar satellite is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, bringing live television from the United States to Europe for the first time.

1973 - The Bahamas gains independence after three centuries of British rule.

1990 - Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev is re-elected leader of Soviet Communist Party.

1991 - Boris Yeltsin takes oath of office as first elected president of Russia; U.S. President George Bush lifts economic sanctions against South Africa.

1992 - Polish parliament approves the country's first woman prime minister, Hanna Suchocka.

1995 - Opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate

**'There are only two distinct classes of people on this earth: those who espouse enthusiasm and those who despise it.'**

— Germaine de Staël, French author (1766-1817)

Aung San Suu Kyi is freed from house arrest in Rangoon, Burma, now known as Yangon, Myanmar, days before completing her six-year detention.

1996 - Unmanned Galileo spacecraft captures stunning close-up pictures of Ganymede, Jupiter's biggest moon.

1999 - Six nations fighting in Congo's civil war sign a long-awaited peace accord, but squabbling rebels balk, dashing hopes for a speedy end to the continent's biggest conflict.

2000 - A mountain of garbage loosened by rain collapses and bursts into flames at the biggest dump in Manila, Philippines, flattening squatters' shanties and killing at least 216 people.

2004 - Saudi Arabia says it will hold municipal elections in September, the first polls to be held in decades in the conservative kingdom, where political parties are banned and press freedoms are limited.

2006 - Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev, responsible for terror attacks that led to the deaths of more than 800 people, is killed when a dynamite-laden truck in his convoy explodes.

2008 - Kuwait announces it will name its first ambassador to Iraq since Saddam Hussein's troops invaded the country in 1990.

**Today's Birthdays:** Jean Calvin, French religious reformer (1509-1564); Camille Pissarro, French painter (1830-1903); Marcel Proust, French writer (1871-1922); Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese writer (1888-1960); Giorgio de Chirico, Italian painter (1888-1978); Jessica Simpson, pop singer/actress (1980--).



"BUT THERE'S TONS OF COOL STUFF JUST LYING THERE!"

## Health care reform needs the right solution, not a politically expedient one

by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Nearly everyone acknowledges that our health care system needs reform. We are particularly aware of this in Texas, which is a leading example of how our system isn't working for so many patients. Texas, unfortunately, has the highest percentage of people without health insurance coverage in the nation. In fact, at a whopping 6 million, the number of uninsured Texans is roughly the same as the entire population of the state of Wisconsin! This poses a huge challenge for our physicians, nurses, and hospitals — and our taxpayers who are paying the high costs of uncompensated care for the uninsured. Also affected are the working families who can't get the basic care they need because insurance is unaffordable and health care costs are soaring.

Something as sweeping and consequential as health care reform needs the right solution, not a politically expedient one. Many of the proposed fixes moving through Congress are misguided. While we need reform, we must take care not to undermine what should be the foundation of health care in America — patient choice, affordable coverage, and the highest quality of care.

The Senate may soon consider legislation put forth by the Administration that solves little and creates a massive public health system. It will reduce patient choices, drive insurance

companies out of business, and have minimal impact on the uninsured population. It will cost taxpayers more than \$600 billion and cut \$400 billion out of doctor and hospital reimbursements in Medicare and Medicaid.

One of the most troublesome aspects of the legislation, which embodies the Obama Administration's broad health care reform agenda, is the massive government expansion it would enact. A cornerstone of the plan is a government-run "option," or a federal insurance provider that is intended to compete with private health care insurers. Proponents maintain that a government-run insurer could provide cheaper coverage for Americans. Despite initial statements that Americans who like their doctors and health care plans will get to keep them, the President recently acknowledged that if employers drop private coverage in favor of the government-run option, patients would have no choice but to switch the plans and lose access to the physicians that they have come to trust. Under the Obama plan, 15 million Americans are poised to lose their private coverage. When our goal is to increase health insurance coverage, proposals that will actually reduce coverage defy common sense.

Furthermore, we must consider whether bureaucracy-run insurance is the best way to administer health care delivery. Government-managed entitlement pro-

grams like Medicare and Medicaid don't make a strong case for the "public option." In fact, billions of taxpayer dollars are wasted on fraud and abuse in Medicare each year. The program pays out more than it takes in, and by 2017, it will be totally broke. Worse yet, there is little indication that Medicare beneficiaries enjoy the choices that Administration officials would like us to think a government-run system offers. Today, 40 percent of physicians turn away Medicaid patients because the system is poorly administrated and it has a weak record of reimbursement.

We can do better, and for the long-term health of Americans, we must do better. Any reforms must reduce costs and increase access — this will not be accomplished through a government takeover of our health care system.

The right approach must encourage competition that is based on transparency and value, making health insurance a buyers' market in which patients have affordable choices and know what plans cost and what they offer. The right approach will support employers and small businesses so they have affordable options to offer their employees and their families. The right approach would offer tax credits to those who buy individual policies. The right approach must prevent insured taxpayers from absorbing the costs of uncompensated care, which



Sen. Hutchison

currently raises Texas families' insurance premiums by over \$1,500 annually. The right approach will allow Americans who are happy with their coverage to maintain the quality care they need with physicians they trust. And the right approach must actually accomplish the goal of removing barriers to medical care for all those who need it — including our 6 million uninsured in Texas.

Anything that does not address those fundamental components will not fix the problem, and could actually make it worse. We must not be pressured to rush an ill-conceived plan through the Senate in the same manner that the Democratic leadership forced the American public to swallow the economic "stimulus" plan earlier this year. Americans now realize the stimulus plan was oversold, and they are not seeing the promised return on one of our nation's costliest investments ever. Now, with the health of millions of Americans in the balance, Congress cannot afford to get health care reform wrong.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

## Jindal's star boosted by others' mistakes

(AP) Gov. Bobby Jindal's national political ambitions — whatever they may be — have gotten a boost, though not particularly from anything he's doing to raise his own prominence or make his own mark.

Rather, the assist for Jindal's possible future on the Republican national scene stems from the missteps and strange behavior of his GOP competitors for a possible presidential bid.

The dalliances and extramarital affairs of South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford and Nevada Sen. John Ensign, combined with Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's abrupt decision to leave office midterm, rather than run for re-election, are shining up Jindal's star again.

Now, if he could shake those comparisons to geeky Kenneth Parcell, the page on the NBC comedy "30 Rock," and show a strong list of accomplishments in his home state, maybe he could pull a real national campaign together.

Not that he's admitting any interest, despite the chatter, the round-the-country fundraising earlier this year and that trip to Iowa,

the motherland of presidential ambitions.

Jindal stuck to his script last week when asked again about his future plans, despite the scandals surrounding Republicans once listed alongside Jindal as considering White House runs.

"I like the job I've got. I'll be running for re-election in 2011. I hope the people of Louisiana elect me to another term. I will then serve my second term as governor. We've got a lot of work to do here in Louisiana," Jindal said.

As when he's been asked before, the governor didn't directly rule out a run for the Oval Office at some point.

He's got some time to mull it over. Others are helping to clear themselves from the bench or at least draw serious concerns about their political viability.

Sanford had been considered a conservative standard-bearer for the party and serious presidential contender, but that was before he acknowledged the affair, after he was caught last month returning from a secret trip to Argentina to meet his mistress.

That followed Ensign's admission of an extramarital affair with a woman who once worked for him as a campaign aide. The sex scandal deepened last week when the senator acknowledged his mistress and her family had received payments tied to the affair.

Ensign, like Sanford, is a social conservative who promoted family and religious values. Then came Palin's announcement that she wouldn't seek a second term or even finish her first one, with little explanation of her future plans.

Political watchers question whether Palin can seem effective and can point to any real accomplishments in office or will appear to have quit her job amid an array of ethics inquiries so she could hit the road for high-paying speeches and appearances.

The move doesn't necessarily take Palin out of the running for a 2012 presidential bid or a 2016 one, and there's still a list of other Republicans said to be eyeing the post, including Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, former Massachusetts Gov.

Mitt Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Whatever Jindal's thoughts on the matter, he's keeping mum. He's got his own damage to repair.

The Louisiana governor's nationally televised speech in February was his debut to much of the country, but the widely panned address, which Jindal said he wrote himself, drew flak from Republicans and Democrats as amateurish and out of step with the American public. Some compared Jindal's delivery to late children's television host Mister Rogers.

Republican Party leaders had touted Jindal as the future of the GOP, but some dropped the governor's name from their lists after "the speech." Jindal himself seemed to dial back his national appearances and thanks to a legislative session, he had excuses to stay closer to home.

Whether a strategy or a reaction for Jindal, it doesn't really seem to matter. Thanks to others' misdeeds and troubles, Jindal's star could be rising just the same.

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# Around town

## Honeycutts celebrate their 45th anniversary

Longtime Pampa residents Wendill and Virginia (Kathy) Honeycutt celebrated their 45th anniversary on July 2. Wendill married the former Virginia Chandler in Fellowship Baptist church. He worked for the City of Pampa for 41 years, retiring in 2006, Kathy is a homemaker. Their children, Belinda and Terry Brown and Starla and Jonathon Phelps, all live in Pampa.



## Wheeler farmers' market

Wheeler County Farmers' Market is held each Wednesday at 4 pm on the east side of the court house in Wheeler. It lasts until 6 or whenever the vendors sell out whichever happens first. The market is also held on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 and is held on the west side of the court house square. The market is for local produce only (Wheeler county growers) and should last until mid-October. The early markets have included green beans, yellow squash, green squash, onions, potatoes, blackberries, greens, peppers, baked goods, eggs, cabbages, and more. Soon there will be peas, sweet corn, tomatoes, okra, canned goods, melons, cantaloupes, and more. Chester Jones is the coordinator of the market and can be reached at 826-0435.



## Hucks, Peeples to wed

Tim and Debra Hucks of Pampa announce the engagement of their son, Zachry Scott Hucks, to Berkley Ann Peeples, daughter of D'Ray and Wendy Peeples of Canyon. The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Canyon High School. She currently attends Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. The prospective groom is a 2004 graduate of Pampa High School. He too currently attends Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. The couple is planning a July 25 wedding at the Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

## Orman retires from Firstbank Southwest

FirstBank Southwest has announced the retirement of Larry J. Orman, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, following 39 years in banking and 34 years with the FirstBank Southwest family. Orman served in the Perryton, Pampa and Amarillo markets and was part of the management team that expanded from one bank (First National Bank of Perryton) to nine banking centers across the Texas Panhandle, with assets exceeding \$680 million. Orman will continue serving on the Board of Directors of the bank and its holding company. Orman has been very active in the community over his many years in banking, and encouraged staff to do the same. His volunteer work includes 30 years involvement with Lions Clubs in Dumas, Pampa, Amarillo and Perryton as Past President. He is Treasurer for Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and Board Member for Wesley Community Center. Orman will continue to serve on audit and loan committees for the bank. He may be most remembered for his conservative lending practices and keeping a watchful eye on asset quality. Larry and Cheryl, his wife of 41 years, will continue to call Amarillo home. They will enjoy more family time and making trips to their favorite vacation spot, San Diego, CA. "Cheryl & I have raised two wonderful daughters! We have three super grandsons, Sean Patrick McKinley, Conner Riley Adcox & Corbin Henry Adcox," Orman said. "Best wishes."



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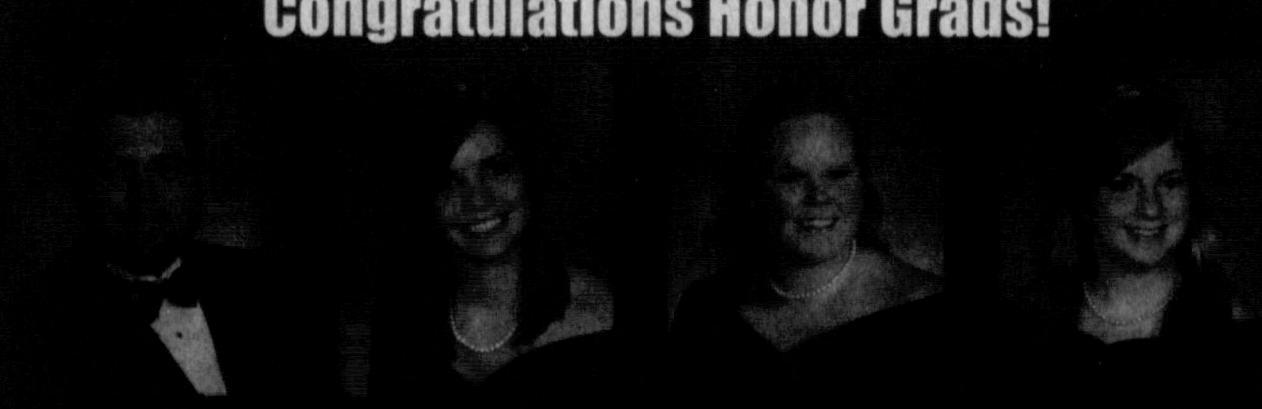
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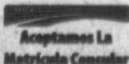
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# Around town

## Resident of the month



Coronado Health Care resident of the month Laverne Corcoran has lived in the Pampa area for a little over 37 years. She worked at Wal-Mart for about 20 years, 16 of those as people greeter. She is now Coronado Health Care's people greeter.

She enjoys senior fitness, basketball, ring toss, memory lane, horseshoes, bingo, current events, sing-along, social events, resident council and church services at Coronado Health Care Center.

## Red Hat Dollies meet

The Red Hat Dollies of Pampa met thursday, June 25 at the Plaza restaurant.

The members voted to make a donation to the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Member Emilie Schneider received a gift for her devotion and commitment to the club.

A poem from the book. When I am old I shall wear purple was read by Thelma Baumgardner, who also

presented red pens for favors.

Group pictures were taken by Jesse Dykes.

A review of the past six years was enjoyed, shown in pictures by Sidney Jackson, Rita Geiger and Mildred Thrasher.

Margaret Washington was welcomed as a guest.

Geneva Barton made a motion to send cards of appreciation to loyal supporters.

## Palmitier named to Dean's List

John Douglas Palmitier of Pampa has been named to the Dean's List at the University of St. Thomas in Houston for the fall, 2008 semester and the spring, 2009 semester.

Palmitier is majoring in political science with a minor in international studies.

He worked as an assis-

tant with Teachers Across Borders last summer, traveling to Cambodia.

Doug is currently working as an intern in the mayor's office in Houston.

He is the grandson of the late Dewey W. Palmitier and Peggy Palmitier of Pampa.

### Pampa Meals on Wheels Regular

**Monday**  
July 13  
Chicken pot pie  
pickled beets  
salad  
pudding

**Tuesday**  
July 14  
Breakfast Pizza  
Eggs  
Gravy  
Peaches

**Wednesday**  
July 15  
Lasagne  
broccoli  
Garlic bread  
Pineapple

**Thursday**  
July 16  
Sloppy Joes  
Tater tots  
Cole slaw  
Mixed fruit

**Friday**  
July 17  
Fish sandwich, tarter  
sauce  
Lettuce/onion  
Carrot salad  
apricots

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### Pampa Senior Citizens, Inc.

July 13 - 17  
Monday— Chicken fried  
steak or chicken and dumplings  
mashed potatoes, spinach,  
beets, beans  
Slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o  
salad  
German chocolate cake or  
cherry cobbler  
Hot rolls or corn bread

Tuesday— Meat loaf or  
chicken spaghetti  
potatoes/ vegetables, green  
beans, fried squash, beans  
Slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o  
salad

Wednesday— Roast beef  
briquet with brown gravy or  
cook's choice  
Mashed potatoes, summer  
blend, creamed corn, beans  
Slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o  
salad  
Spice cake or or bread pud-  
ding  
Hot rolls or corn bread

Thursday— Chicken strips  
or sauerkraut and sausages  
Mashed potatoes, breaded  
tomatoes, greens, beans  
Slaw, tossed salad, Jell-o  
salad  
Boston cream pie or choco-

late sundae cups  
Hot rolls or corn bread

Friday— Catfish and hush-  
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balls

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The district alleges a moratorium on out-of-state water sales violates federal law. The motion to dismiss says the Red River Compact Commission has primary authority over the issue and should decide the case.

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Gasoline prices also tum-

bled nationwide, settling at \$2.56, compared to \$2.63 last Friday

El Paso had the most expensive gasoline in the latest statewide survey, at \$2.53 a gallon. Fort Worth had the cheapest gasoline, at \$2.36.

Oil prices slid below \$60

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Texas AAA spokesman Dan Ronan says demand for gasoline remains flat by historical levels.

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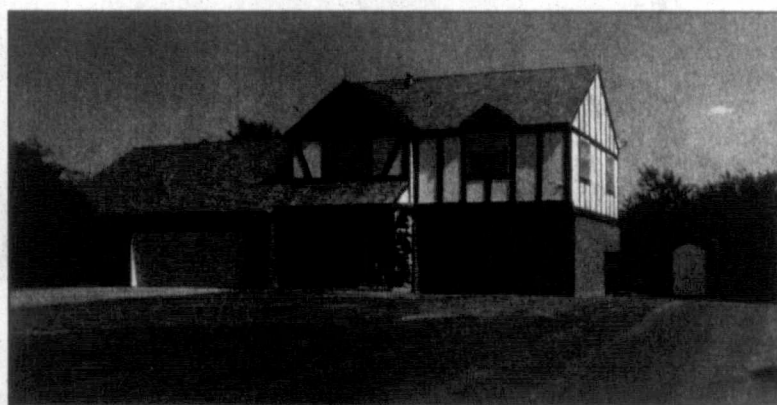
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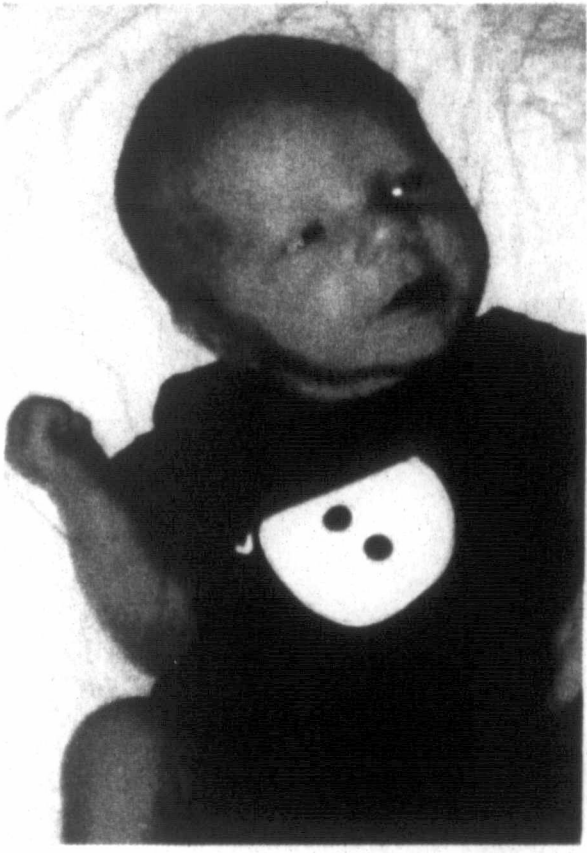
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### U.S. Rep. Granger released from Washington hospital

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — U.S. Rep. Kay Granger is out of the hospital after treatment for dehydration.

Her spokesman Steve Dutton says the Fort Worth Republican was discharged from a Washington-area hospital Friday and is doing fine. She had been admitted Wednesday night.

Dutton says the former Fort Worth mayor is scheduled to attend a Saturday ceremony in Wisconsin marking the start of construction on the USS Fort Worth. The new combat ship named for the Texas city is to be delivered to the U.S. Navy in 2012.

## Johnsons celebrate 35th anniversary

Dr. Jay and Linda Johnson of Pampa celebrated 35 years of marriage on June 29. Jay Johnson and Linda Marie Brumley were married in 1974 at First United Methodist Church of Pampa. Both were born in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School and Texas Tech University.

Dr. Johnson established his private practice in Pampa 33 years ago. He has served as chairman of the deacons at First Baptist Church where he taught the 12th grade Sunday school class for over 20 years. He and Linda are now directors of the Young Adult 2 Department. He also serves

on the board of directors of Pampa Youth and Community Center and is a member and past president of Pampa Lions Club and of Pampa Independent School Board. He holds many dental honors and just finished his term as President of the Panhandle District Dental Society. He was nominated for Texas Dentist of the Year in 2005.

Mrs. Johnson taught first grade at Woodrow Wilson Elementary prior to the birth of their children. She is a member and past president of Century Forum Study Club. She is an officer in PEO and serves on the board of directors for Pampa Civic Ballet. Linda is a member of Pampa Panhellenic and also serves on the hospitality committee at First Baptist Church where she played an instrumental role in their first Harvest Unlimited. She is best known, however, for the care and consideration she gives family and friends!

Children of the couple are Laura and Cullen Allen of Pampa and Anna Johnson of Austin. They have two grandsons.



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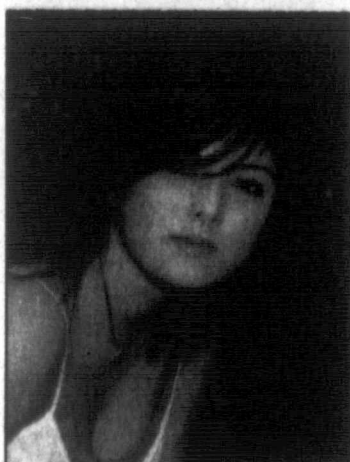
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## Evans, Carmichael exchange vows in Colorado

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Carmichael of Pampa. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lee of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carmichael of Pampa. She is a 2000 graduate of Pampa High School and holds a bachelor's degree in Art from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi and a post-graduate degree in Modern and Contemporary Art from Christie's Education Limited in London. She is a membership and marketing associate at the Denver Art Museum.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Evans, Jr. of Breckenridge. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey of

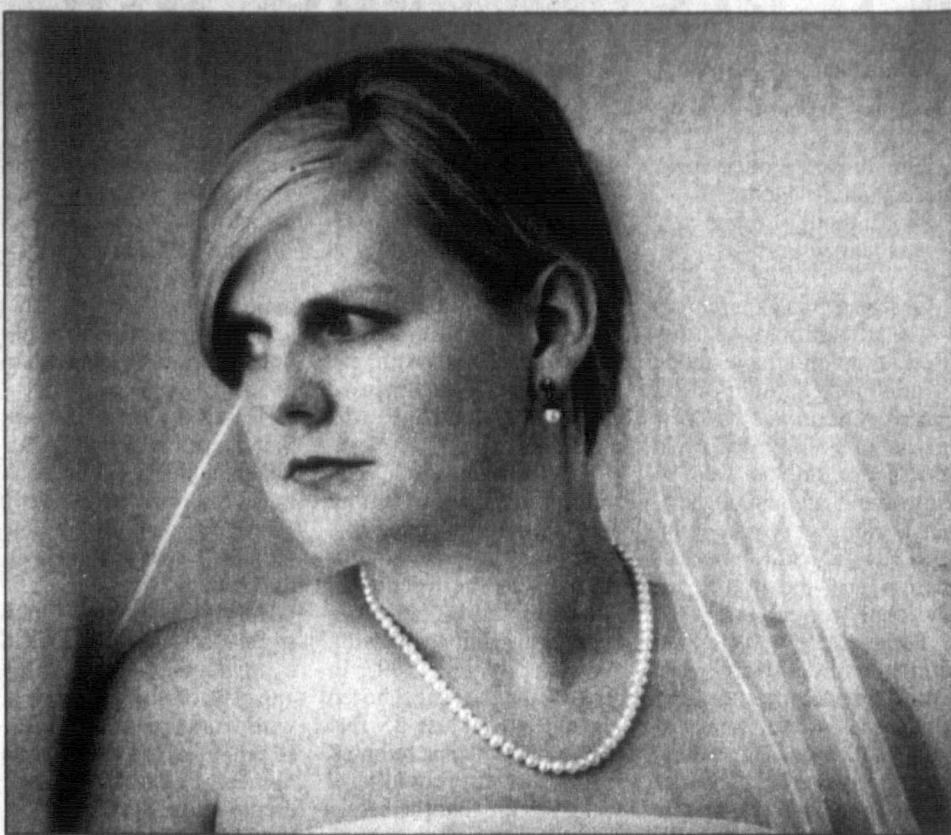
Shreveport, Louisiana and the late Dr. and Mrs. John W. Evans of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a 1999 graduate of Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs and received a bachelor's degree from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, double majoring in Economics and International Studies. He is a clinical trials coordinator for the Colorado Cancer Research Program and will begin medical school in the fall.

Ann Carmichael, sister of the bride, of Washington D.C., served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Laurie Lamb of Weaverville, North Carolina and Margaret Evans of Denver, Colorado, both sisters of the groom, Kelly Barry of Washington, D.C., Samantha Hurst of Austin, and Helen Orr and Caroline Hodges, both of Dallas.

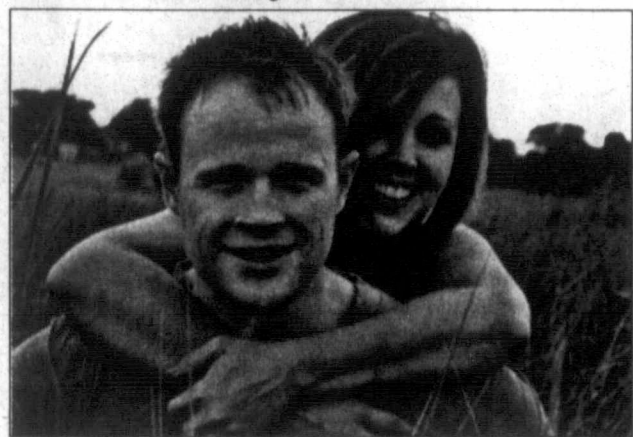
Matt Frohling of Milwaukee, Wisconsin served as best man. Groomsmen were Travis Lamb, brother-in-law of the groom, of Weaverville, North Carolina, Andrew Harrison of Colorado Springs, Lance Downing of Los Altos, California, Lagan Sebert of Washington, D.C., Chandler Harrod of North Hollywood, California, and Mike Kelley of Springfield, Oregon.

Reverend Kevin Hay, college friend of the groom, officiated at the ceremony. Music was provided by Laura and Cullen Allen of Pampa and Nobility Strings of Longmont, Colorado. Joanna Wheeley of Austin read scripture.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Maggie. The couple took a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia and plan to reside in Denver.



## Lemmond, Fulton, to wed July 17



On July 17, Matt Lemmond and Britney Fulton will join in marriage. Matt is the son of Dale and Donna Lemmond of Owasso, Oklahoma, grandson of Orville & Margie Boyer of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, and Nancy and the late Delbert Lemmond of Hugo, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in graphic design

this past May. Britney is the daughter of Kenny and Kelli Fulton of Owasso, Oklahoma, granddaughter of Eugene & Paula Brock of Pampa, Texas, and James and Donna Fulton also of Pampa, Texas. She graduated with a nursing degree from Oklahoma Baptist University this May. The two look forward to being married in Owasso and begin their lives together.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritthaler celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a dinner party hosted by friends and then a trip to Tennessee.

Charles Ritthaler married Pat Broadbent on June 27, 1959.

They have resided in Pampa, TX for 50 years.

Mr. Ritthaler is retired from Celanese and Mrs. Ritthaler retired from Keith Teague Dentistry.

They are members of Briarwood Church.

The couple has two sons, Todd & Tobi Ritthaler.



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# US brewer, once near defeat, shines again

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by Michelle Roberts  
Associated Press

SHINER, Texas (AP) — By all accounts, Shiner beer shouldn't have made it this long. The Spoetzl Brewery ferments its brew in a one-stoplight town that's not on the way to anywhere, and much larger regional brewers long ago succumbed to consolidation and the muscle of national brewers.

For years, Spoetzl limped along with cast-off parts from other breweries and lingered on the brink of shutting down. But today, at 100 years of age, Shiner beers are more popular than ever, and it is the oldest and largest craft brewer in a state where people cling fiercely to their beer and to all things Texan.

"It's the classic little guy story," said Mike Renfro, author of "Shine On," a book about the brewery's history. "They managed to overcome some pretty incredible odds."

Before Prohibition and easy interstate travel, the nation was dotted with small regional brewers, but only a handful have survived and remained independent for a century or more. Yuengling Beer Co. and Matt Brewing Co., maker of Saranac beers, sell mostly on the East Coast, while August Schell Brewing Co. and Stevens Point Brewery, maker of Point beers, sell primarily in the Midwest.

In Texas, there's just Shiner now, and it's growing. The brewery now produces 400,000 barrels a year, 10 times what it did 20 years ago, and distributes to 39 states, selling particularly well with ex-Texans and Texas-themed restaurants, company officials say.

The German and Czech immigrants who settled and farmed around this town, an outpost roughly halfway between San Antonio and Houston, formed the Shiner Brewing Association in 1909. In June that year, they bored a well and at just 55 feet (17 meters), water bubbled to the surface, providing a water source that the brewery still uses.

The first few years were a struggle until the association found Kosmos Spoetzl, a German immigrant with a secret recipe. He bought the brewery in 1915 and marketed his brew by loading up his Model T with kegs and ice. He drove the dirt roads along the region's cotton fields, offering thirsty laborers what today is basically Shiner Blonde.

But just five years after Spoetzl bought the brewery, Prohibition began and the brewery could only make ice and nonalcoholic "near beer"  $\Gamma\check{\text{C}}\delta$  officially, anyway.

Most folks around Shiner have heard tales of the real stuff being secretly brewed.

"From what I understand, it was nearer to beer than near beer," said brewmas-

ter Jimmy Mauric, 49, who grew up in Shiner and has been working at Spoetzl since he was a teenager.

Whatever Spoetzl was making, his brewery survived long enough to begin openly brewing beer again in 1933.

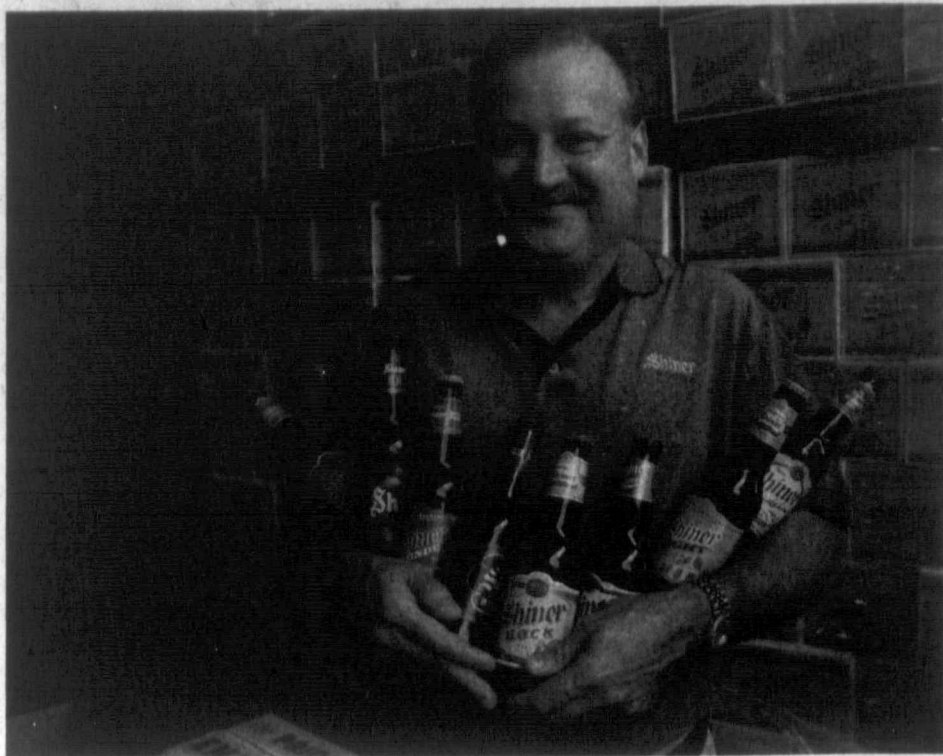
He ran the brewery until his death in 1950, when his daughter Cecelie took over. She ran it for nearly 16 years, one of the few female brewery owners in the country.

But time pretty much stood still in Shiner  $\Gamma\check{\text{C}}\delta$  a town that even today consists of the brewery, a wire works plant and a few streets of well-kept historic homes. Local folks took their kids to Spoetzl's hospitality room without thinking anything of it; Mauric recalls going there at age 4 and 5. Regulars would "sample" Shiner from 10 a.m. to noon, go home for lunch and be back from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., when the hospitality room closed, he said.

The beer industry, meanwhile, was going through a series of consolidations in the 1960s and 1970s. The big Texas regional brands, Pearl and Lone Star, were both acquired by Illinois-based Pabst Brewing Co. Their historic breweries in San Antonio closed.

Spoetzl stayed independent, surviving mostly because of a loyal following among Austin drinkers who embraced the dark Shiner Bock and the beer's Texas roots.

The brewery was so ram-



Above - Brewmaster Jimmy Mauric holds samples of the Shiner beers produced at Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, Texas, Thursday, June 25, 2009. The brewery is celebrating 100 years of brewing beer. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

baling wire," Mauric said.

They produced just 40,000 barrels a year, distributing no farther than Austin, 80 miles (130 kilometers) north.

Salvation, and modernization, for Shiner-brand beers came in 1989 with the arrival of Carlos Alvarez, a beer marketing executive who first encountered Shiner Bock while building a U.S. market for Grupo Modelo's Corona brands in Texas roots.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY:

My little sister, "Cynda," committed suicide nine years ago. She was only 13. She did it because she was being severely bullied at school.

I am now a mother, and my 7-year-old daughter has been asking about Aunt Cynda and how she died. I have told her that Auntie Cynda had a bad hurt on her neck and passed away. Abby, my sister hung herself in her bedroom.

When is the right time or age to explain suicide to a child? This is a very sensitive subject in my family. I don't want my daughter talking to others about my sister's death, especially my mother. I would prefer to teach my little girl about the wonderful person Cynda was. Do you have any advice for me? -- HOLDING ONTO INNOCENCE

DEAR HOLDING:

Yes. I sympathize with your desire to protect your daughter's innocence. But has it occurred to you that

the reason she's asking about Cynda is because she has already heard something and didn't get the answers she needed?

Ask your daughter why she's asking about her aunt. Then give her bits of information in doses she can absorb. A suicide in the family can be a sensitive subject, but sooner or later the truth is going to come out. And it's important that your child know that if she has questions about ANYTHING, she can come to her mother for honest answers.

DEAR ABBY:

"Lila" is a lovely girl who works part-time in the administrative office of our university to help pay for her education. She has scoliosis, a curvature of the spine, which you would never guess by looking at her.

Lila's problem is she has an hour-long ride on the subway to get here, and after carrying a heavy backpack all day, standing becomes too painful.

There have been times when she has given up her seat to an elderly person or a pregnant woman, but sometimes her back is so sore she simply cannot get off her seat.

What is the proper etiquette in this situation, and how should she deal with the glares she gets when she doesn't give up her seat? -- CURIOUS IN ONTARIO

DEAR CURIOUS:

Your friend does not owe anyone an explanation for remaining in her seat -- and the less personal information she reveals about herself to strangers, the better. However, I do have a word of advice for her. Instead of lugging around a heavy backpack, which further stresses the muscles in her already stressed back, she should invest in a rolling bag to transport her books. It might help her to have less pain more often.

DEAR ABBY:

I work with a guy I consider to be a close friend. He is friendly, outgoing and very personable. My concern is that he often tells lies -- sometimes about big things, other times about small ones. I see a pattern,

and it's really starting to annoy me.

He lies to his wife about "working late" to avoid going home early to help with the kids. He'll lie to me about innocuous things and to our boss about his accomplishments.

I believe lying is one of the worst things a person can do. Should I call him on it, or just start distancing myself from the friendship? -- TIRED OF THE LIES

DEAR TIRED:

The last thing you need is an enemy in the workplace. I see nothing to be gained by calling your co-worker on the fact that he isn't a straight shooter. Your mistake is in thinking this man is capable of real friendship. He may be "friendly, outgoing and personable," but he lacks the most important ingredient necessary in a friendship, and that's character. Distancing is the way to go.

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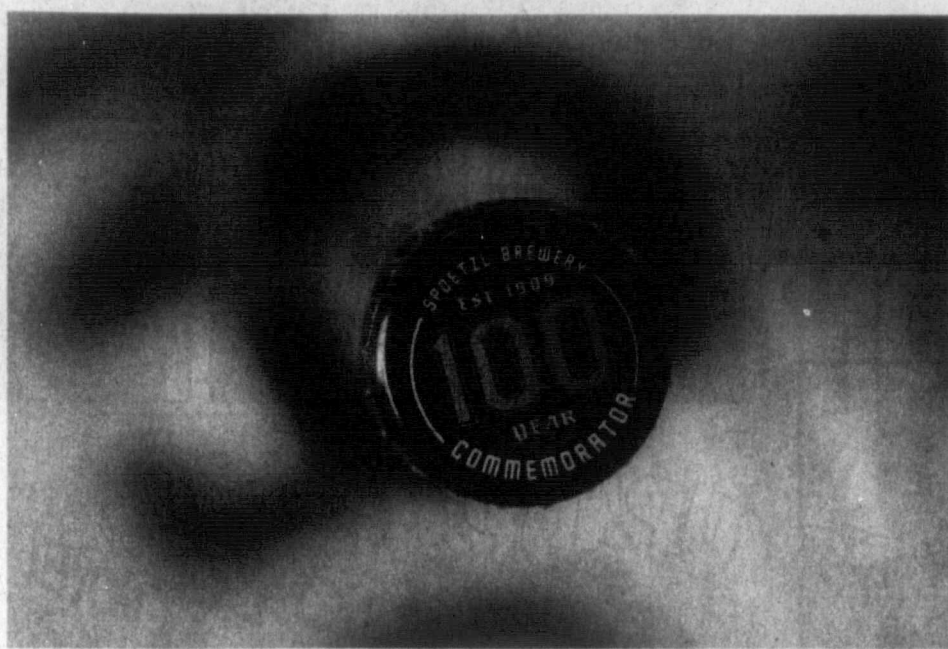
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# Shiner

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the early 1980s. "I saw the customers' enthusiasm for the brand," said Alvarez, whose Gambrinus Co. bought the Shiner brewery hoping to take advantage of its loyal customer base. Just about everything at the brewery needed to be rebuilt and replaced, but Alvarez said he wanted to keep it in the town of Shiner, which has a population of around 2,000. He liked the authenticity it gave the brand and the people who made the beer.

"They are really hands-on individuals. They are farmers. They work in the fields. They are extremely handy," he said. "It makes a huge difference to be able to be from a real town, from real people who are not the creation" of marketers.



A Shiner's 100 year commemorator beer is seen at the Spoeltz Brewery in Shiner, Texas, Thursday, June 25, 2009. The brewery, best known for its Shiner Bock, is celebrating 100 years of brewing beer. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

The brewery, which offers tours five days a week, is often filled with out-of-state visitors who got acquainted with it

through a Texas connection. Susie Pelc, a native of Shiner who long ago moved away, can now buy

Shiner Bock at home in South Carolina. "But it's in the 'import' section," she smiled.

## Comptroller to conduct new Appraisal District reviews

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Legislature, in House Bill 8, gave Texas Comptroller Susan Combs the responsibility of reviewing the performance of each county appraisal district at least once every other year. In the off years, the Comptroller's office will conduct a property value study to determine the taxable value in each school district. The new law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

"We look forward to working with appraisal districts in our reviews and value studies to ensure fair and accurate appraisals," Combs said. "Texas taxpayers expect and deserve efficient service and uniform appraisals so property taxes are shared equally among taxpayers."

The reviews will cover each appraisal district's governance, taxpayer assistance, operating and appraisal standards, pro-

cedures and methods. If an appraisal district fails to comply with the Comptroller's recommendations within one year, the Board of Tax Professional Examiners or a successor agency must take action necessary to ensure compliance.

HB 8 also changed the Comptroller's school district Property Value Study from an annual study to a study that must be conducted once every two years, except when the study finds invalid values for a school district, at which time a study will be conducted annually until the values are valid. The requirement for a biennial — rather than an annual — study will free up Comptroller resources to do a more intensive Property Value Study in approximately half the school districts each year.

The bill created a nine-

member Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Committee to consult with the Comptroller prior to the adoption of study rules. The Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives will appoint one member from the House; the Lieutenant Governor

will appoint one member from the Senate; and the Comptroller will appoint two members representing appraisal districts, two members representing school districts and three members who are Texas taxpayers or have expertise in school district taxation or ratio studies.

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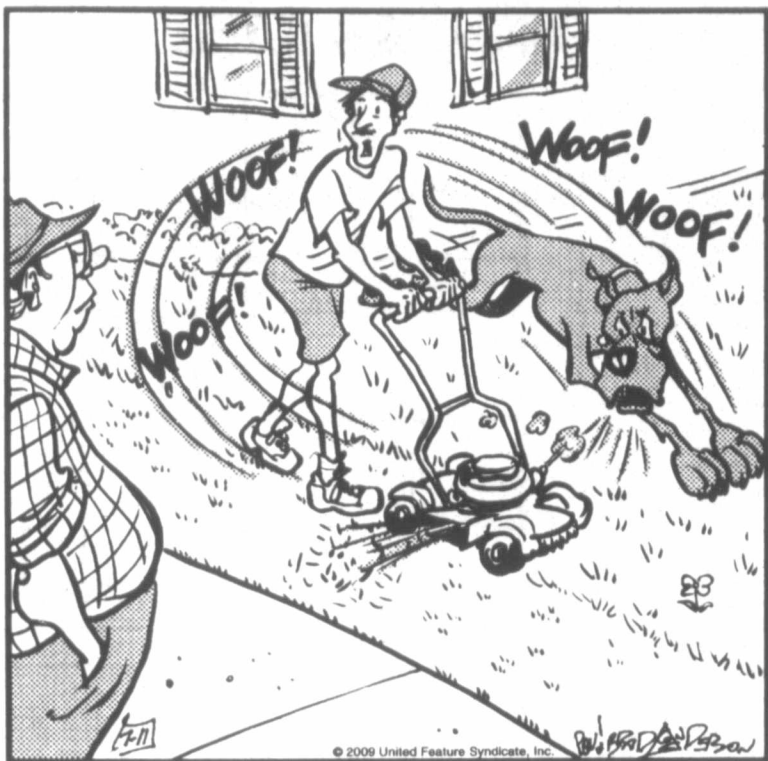
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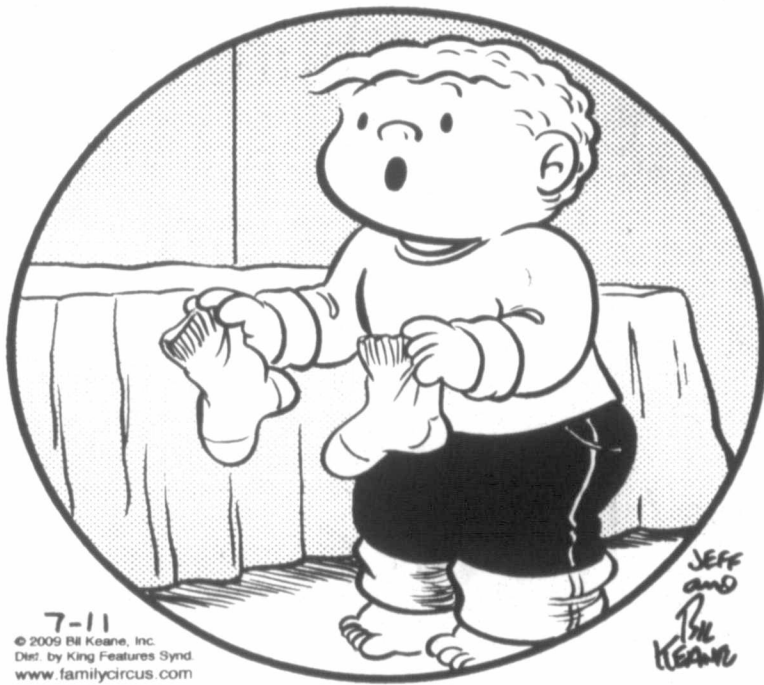
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"I think the lawn mower reminds him of the vacuum cleaner."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I know my left and right shoes, but how can I tell my left sock from my right?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 1 Fence supports
  - 6 Paces
  - 11 Isolated
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  - 25 Allah worshipper
  - 27 Cart puller
  - 30 Hepburn/Tracy film
  - 31 Enjoy Aspen
  - 32 Pitcher's pride
  - 33 Extra charge
  - 35 Pageant topper
  - 38 Way to go
  - 39 Marriage
  - 40 Gun powder ingredient
- DOWN**
- 1 Beepers
  - 2 Police order
  - 3 Marbles, so to speak
  - 4 Math course
  - 5 Controversial medical topic
  - 6 Trainer's place
  - 7 Bond rating
  - 8 Serving as a symbol
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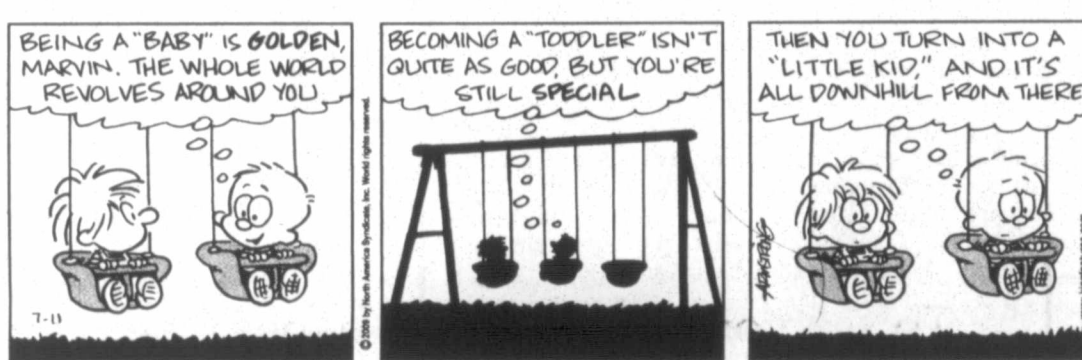
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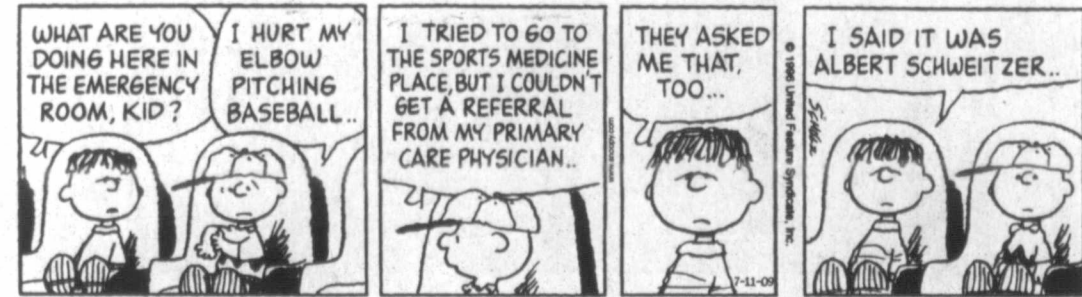
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## PHS renovation nearing final stage

By Devin Rowan  
The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees on June 29 at the first of two public hearings held to take the district's 2009-2010 budget and a list of requests for funding to the voters.

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## Gov breaks collateral in biking accident

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry broke his collateral on Tuesday after a bicycle accident.

## Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD

By Devin Rowan  
A lawsuit filed by the Pampa Independent School District against PISD for an open meetings violation.

## Debate on name of PJHS mascot favors unity

By Devin Rowan  
The debate over the name of the Pampa Junior High School mascot is leaning toward unity.

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## DAILY HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, July 13, 2009:

This year, expect to take a stand and lead. At the same time, respond to others' needs and ideas. This is not to say you will give yourself away. Use your ability to detach and see the big picture. Key people in your life could become more controlling. The only way to win here is not to play. If you are single, you wish for a deeper connection and could jump into a relationship too quickly. Remember, it takes a full year to really get to know someone. If you are attached, don't get into black-and-white thinking. Consider more often how you and your significant other both can be right. ARIES pushes you into the limelight.

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)  
 ★★★★★ Somehow your fiery side seems to wasted away into nothing. Careful, as emotions peak and come to the forefront. You could be taken back by someone's efforts. How you say "thank you" could leave a long-term imprint. Tonight: Put a smile on your face.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★ You know what you want, but your frustration builds if others don't fall right into place. You see unexpected actions that might encourage you not to make predictions. Careful with a boss, who clearly is feeling his or her Wheaties. Tonight: Much needed personal time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Whether you are ready or not, the time has come to network, and as much as you can. There is no such thing

as knowing too many people. Perhaps not knowing others more deeply might be the only criticism. Pressure builds for those in partnerships. Tonight: Try an exotic restaurant.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★ Your stability and direction are much appreciated. Nevertheless, you need to make some important friends. You also might want to handle the unexpected and be clear in how you pursue a situation. Pressure builds from out of left field. Tonight: A partner can demand, but you don't need to respond.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Reach out for others and be willing to see your life in a new light. People reveal yet another perspective. Your fiery side emerges. Someone might be on a crusade of some sort. The unexpected plays a role in your plans. Tonight: Follow the music.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Let someone in on your thoughts. A totally different reaction from what you expected will surprise you. What could this response be telling you? Evaluate your reaction too, but don't necessarily change it. Tonight: Easy does it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Listen to news; understand behind-the-scenes activity. Let others do what they want, because you are not in a position to run the whole show. If you think about it, you don't want to. Tonight: In the game of life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★ Dive into work, though on some level you are on a roller-coaster ride. Listen to news that heads your way.

Summon your ingenuity when facing a roadblock. Your way of dealing with a situation could feel controlling to someone else. Tonight: Beam in what you

want.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Your ability to bypass a situation emerges. Your sense of direction also emerges after a jolt. Consider restructuring your budget or making some changes. Verbalize more often. Others want your opinion. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ Revisit a situation; take a step forward. Stay in contact with your long-term needs; this introspection is important. Review a situation with care, knowing what works and where you are heading. Tonight: Head on home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Establish better communication. A creative and perhaps revised approach, combined with more style, could draw more people in. Listen to what is being shared. Being more responsive will be instrumental as well. Tonight: In the thick of life.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Poet John Clare (1793), actor Harrison Ford (1942), author Wole Soyinka (1934)

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## DAILY HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, July 12, 2009:

This year, you come to a greater understanding when dealing with others. No matter how you proceed or what choices you make, you can always grow and become even more understanding of others. The more empathetic you become, the easier your daily life becomes. If you are single, you have a mystical allure that draws many different people. Take your time choosing your next sweetie, as many people will be around who have a lot to offer. If you are attached, because of your new depth and empathy, the two of you become closer. Your sweetie might start emulating your new style, making the bond more wonderful than exists between you. PISCES understands you.

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)  
 ★★ Listen to news with a grain of salt. You could be in a pivotal position. The key is to not overreact, but understand the issue at hand. Plan a walk or get into a game of softball. You are able to read between the lines. Tonight: Listen to news.

This Week: Charge into Monday, knowing the time has come to strut your stuff.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Gather friends together for a fun day of baseball or go off to the movies. Finally, you can relax, even if a child or loved one is uptight. You discover the implications of a misunderstanding. Tonight: There's no time like now to clear the air.

This Week: Go backward in order to reflect before leaping forward.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Lighten up, even you have something that is a must-do. You open up to news, but if you start feeling negative, it could be rather difficult. Fatigue could be a player in this mood. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

This Week: Excitement surrounds

friends, people and meetings. Take this enthusiasm through the week.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ If you can, hop into the car and take off for a day trip. You have been suffering from a heavy sadness or mood. In a different environment, you'll feel better and regain a perspective. Tonight: Don't call it a night before you have to. This Week: Demands surround you, yet you are able to handle them and emerge well.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Relate to others on an individual level. Do more listening and warehousing triggering events. You might feel bad for putting the clamps on spending. You really might need to deal with a partner directly. Tonight: Togetherness works. This Week: If you can take off, do. Being present will be difficult when doing the tried-and-true.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Listen to what is being shared. Others dominate, whether you like it or not. Often, your newfound seriousness can really rain on another person's parade. Could someone be distancing himself from you because of this? Tonight: Relax with others. This week: Defer to someone you trust if you feel the slightest insecure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★ Get some exercise; perhaps catch up on another's news. Understand why someone might feel not cared about. Listen to a family member more carefully. If you need some time to yourself, take it. Tonight: Make it early. This Week: Listen to the many people who mean well, then decide what suits you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ A friend could be dour and difficult. This person has been this way for a while. Devote special time to this person, even if you don't feel it makes a difference. He or she will open up to you. Let your creativity and ability to understand emerge. Tonight: Continue like there is no tomorrow. This Week: Pace yourself with an eye to at least taking off Friday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Open up and relax with family. Don't push too hard to get your way. Allow others to express concern and get past a problem. Your fashion of dealing with others makes many smile. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Your creativity flows from one situation to another. Use your ingenuity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to realize what is going on with a child or loved one. You believe there are changes you cannot avoid. Start sharing and talking. You could be surprised by another's reaction. Tonight: Easy does it. This Week: A personal matter weighs heavily on your mind; try to handle it so it doesn't interfere with work or other interactions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Others love to zero in on you and tap into your ideas. Make it possible to share, but don't allow others to drain you. Understanding reaches a new level, once you set boundaries. No one knows how you feel unless you tell them. Tonight: Gather your bills. This Week: Communication is not only active, but easily overwhelming. Be sure to take needed personal time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to open up to new possibilities, and today is as good a day as any to start exploring. Even if a partner closes off and doesn't share, it doesn't mean you cannot open up. Support yourself and be your own person. Tonight: As you like. This Week: Deal with a financial matter, as you will have little choice.

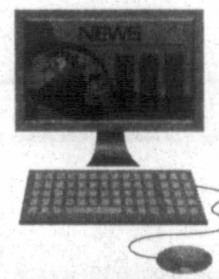
**BORN TODAY**  
 Actress Cheryl Ladd (1951), fitness guru Richard Simmons (1948), actress Michelle Rodriguez (1978)

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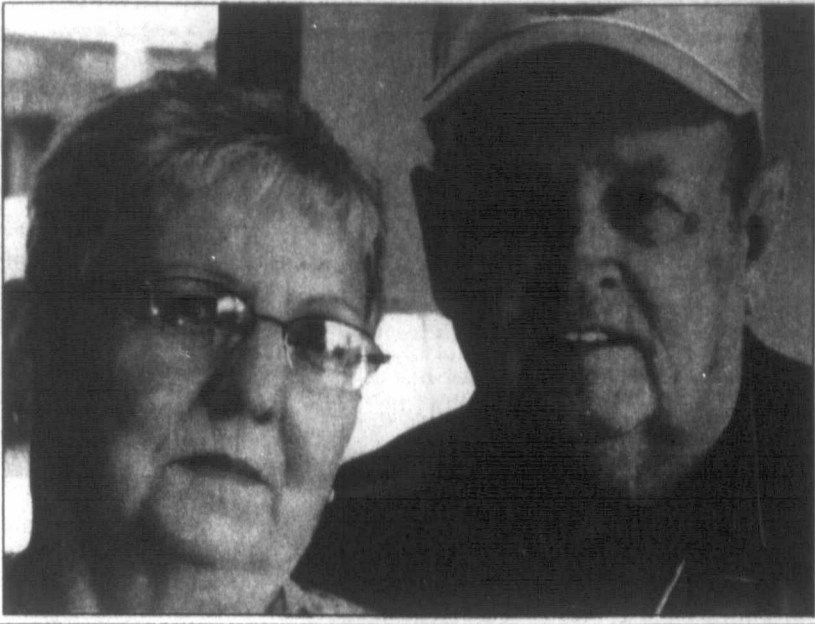
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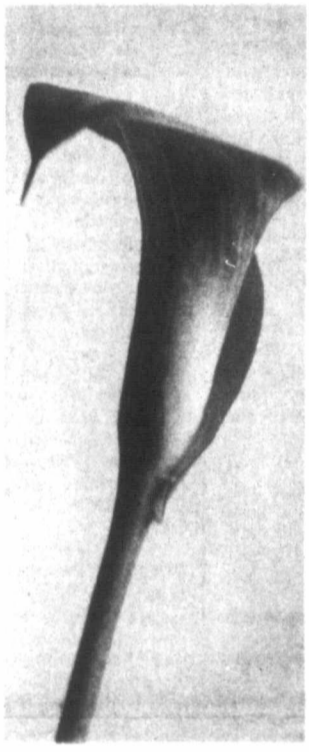






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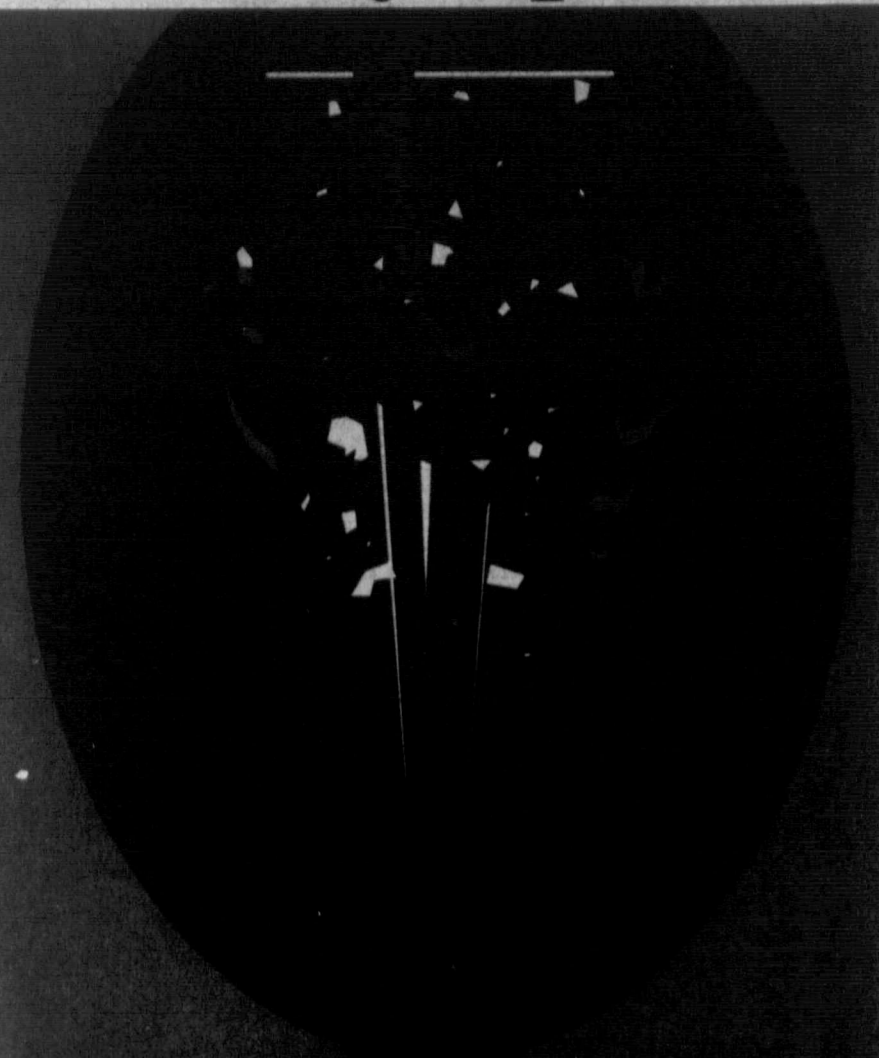


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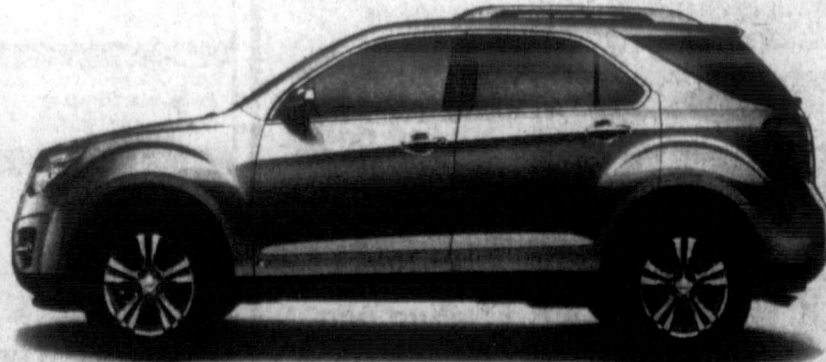
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