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PISD Superintendant Barry Haenischsaid Friday the construction crew expected here to lay turf has been held up in Katy. That crew is expected to start work Saturday morning. To make up for the lost time, a second crew is scheduled to join them on Tuesday. Expectations are the field will be ready for the first home game.

Pampa man allegedly kidnapped

AND & GRAVEL

BY BETSY PHILLIPS editor@thepampanews.com

Pampa police are investigating an alleged kidnapping of a young Pampa man.

Family sources say the Josh Mulkey, a 2008 Pampa High graduate, was abducted early Tuesday morning at gunpoint from in front of their home and transported to Waterloo, Iowa.

The alleged kidnappers apparently fled and he was able to get help from the Waterloo police department. Mulkey's parents flew to Iowa Wednesday, arriving about 11 p.m., and drove back to Pampa with their son yesterday.

Pampa Police Detective Sergeant Casey Ingersoll said Friday morning that the FBI has been notified and the Waterloo, Iowa police department is cooperating in the investigation.

Mulkey's mother, Jeri Joiner says it was the realization of her worst fear.

"What would I do if my child were to disappear. You think of it more when they are little... she said Friday morning, adding that her family is frustrated. "We've been trying to figure out why anyone would do this. Nothing makes sense."

Details of the alleged abduction are not being released at this time due to the ongoing investiga-

State Bank building in Pampa

BY RANDY PRIBBLE rpribble@thepampanews.com

Happy State Bank will be building a new facility along Hobart Street sometime next year.

The property has been purchased and the architect is working on plans for a two story building, according to J. Pat Hickman, chairman and CEO. The address for the new facility will be 1077 Hobart Street, on approximately 2 acres between AmericInn and McDonald's Restaurant. The building will be similar to one constructed in Plainview (see related drawing).

Happy State Bank presently has two facilities in Pampa, one at the north end of Hobart Street and a downtown location. Both were acquired by Happy State Bank in a Citibank acquisition earlier this year.

"We've had our sights on Pampa for a long time," Hickman noted, adding that the long-term goal is to be the "Panhandle's bank.

"Almost three years ago

"Not a month after

Six years ago Happy State Bank had overall assets of \$150 million. That has grown to \$1.1 billion, according to the ceo. Pampa's facilities have also grown.

we had a strategic planning retreat with our board of directors and we targeted Borger, Hereford, Pampa, Perrytone and Childress, and not in that order," he said. "The Citibank acquisition gave us Pampa and Perryton.

that meeting, we were approached by some business people from Borger and we decided to open a new banking facility in Borger. We opened those doors profitable."

"Ryan Monroe (Pampa bank president) is a super-star," said Hickman. "When we bought the bank it had less than \$1 million in loans. In less than a



Although architects are still working on plans for a new Happy State Bank facility in Pampa, company officials say the two story building will be very similar to this one recently completed in Plainview.

year's time, we have more than \$20 million in new loan business there.

"We love Pampa and Ryan loves the community. We could not be more pleased with what is taking place in our Pampa office.

The addition of Vice President and Investment Executive Greg Brown is a huge move for us and we already have (Northgate Vice-President) Kay West

there.' Hickman called the plans

for the new Pampa facility "really early in the architectural stages," but added that he would be "shocked of if don't open sometime in 2010."

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illages construction could start in January Hampton

BY BETSY PHILLIPS editor@thepampanews.com

Wednesday afternoon, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) announced a funding award to a rental property in Pampa that will bring stability to young families and retired individuals while providing a boost to the local econ-

Tim Lang, of Hampton Villages,

LP, the developer of the property at 1517 W. Alcock said the granting of the tax credits had been more or less expected. "We've been plugging away at this for some time," Lang said. "It was the fair thing for the board to do. We scored well in our region.

The 76-unit Hampton Villages Apartments will be a rental property featuring rents affordable to households earning up to 60 percent of the area median family

The company received tax credits in 2007, but due to the downturn in the economy, had to give them back.

"There were no investors at that time," Lang said.

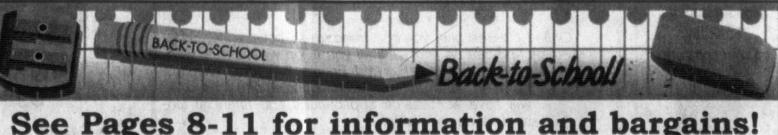
He noted that there is a two-year completion time between the time the tax credits are issued and the units are ready for occupancy.

"Around the country it was the rural deals that weren't getting

done," Lang said. "Investors are able to pick and choose and they were choosing projects in large cities with a higher rate of poverty."

"Fannie Mae, CitiBank and Bank of America were all the biggest investors in tax credits," Lans said, "so we've had to hit the reset button."

He said there are a couple of things in the company's favor this HAMPTON cont. on page 3



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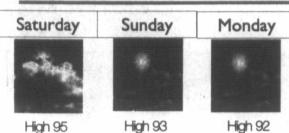
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Low 70

Low 72

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph:

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, August 6 and 7 a.m. Friday, August 7.

Anthony DeJuan Jordan, 32, of Indianapolis was booked Thursday, on a charge of violation of probation, and possession of Marijuana. Bond was denied.

Iscidro Garnett Drummer, 28, of Muskegon, Michigan, was booked Thursday on a charge of bond surrender possession of marijuana. As of Friday morning, Drummer is still in jail with a \$20,000 bond.

Krissa Dawn Cook, 19, of Pampa, was booked Thursday on a charge of DUI minor. Cook was released to pay later.



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Obituaries

Billy Payne, 65

Amarillo-Billy Payne, 65, died August 6, 2009, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Charmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Mr. Payne was born April 8, 1944 in Dallas. As a young boy, he moved to Pampa where he attended Pampa schools and graduated from Pampa High School.

After graduation, Billy enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as a sergeant during the Vietnam War. Billy worked for S.P.S./XCEL for 34 years as a meter supervisor, retiring in 2002.

His greatest passion was to compete in B.C.A. pool & billiard league play. Billy excelled in eight ball,

nine ball and Scotch doubles. He served as a team captain and participated in several championship teams and won the Texas State Championships. One of his annual highlights was to travel and compete in the national B.C.A. tournaments, where his week would be filled with team play, Scotch doubles, and the open singles.

Billy had a large influence in Amarillo, instructing and mentoring many young and old pool players at every level. Later in life, Billy was especially proud of being baptized and welcomed to the world of Jesus Christ. Billy will be remembered by his big smile and unmistakable

Survivors include two daughters; Beverly Payne Cannon and husband Winston of Dallas, and Helen Diamond of Pampa; one son, Billy Payne, Jr. and wife LaVerne of Dallas; two brothers, Jimmie Lee and wife Hazel of McKinney and Danny Williams of Pampa; one sister, Frances Dorsey of Pampa; one special aunt, Billie Phea of Pampa and a Godson, Randy Wesley; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, George and Eartha Mae Williams, by a sister, Rosie Lee Clements, and by a grandson, Joseph Payne.

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from 6 -7:30 PM Monday, August 10, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa. Mr. Payne will lie in state from 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount in Amarillo.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, August 6 to 7 a.m. Friday, August 7. Monday

Animal Control Officers responded to seven calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 11 traffic stops, had 2 ongoing investigations, and responded to 2 requests for information.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of S. Henry Street.

An accident was reported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky Avenue.

A welfare check was

made in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street.

An accident was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. Houston Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of W. Montagu Avenue.

A threat was reported in the 2600 block of W. Kentucky Avenue. A criminal trespass was

reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic Avenue. Theft was reported in the

500 block of N. Faulkner Street. Theft was reported in the

500 block of W. Brown Street. A traffic complaint was taken in the intersection of

Kentucky and Bradley. A traffic stop in the 1100 block of S. Huff Road, resulted in the arrest of Zachary Rivera for failure

A missing person was reported in the 1400 block of W. Somerville Street.

to identify.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Ripley Street. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles. A vehicle was keyed, estimated damage is unknown.

A civil matter was reported in the 2200 block of N. Christy Street.

Criminal trespass wasreported in the 600 block of E. Frederic Avenue. A traffic complaint was

taken in the 600 block of N. Dwight Street. A suspicious person was

reported in the 600 block of E. Craven Avenue. A gas drive off was

reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart Street. An estimated \$10 of gas was This report will be continued

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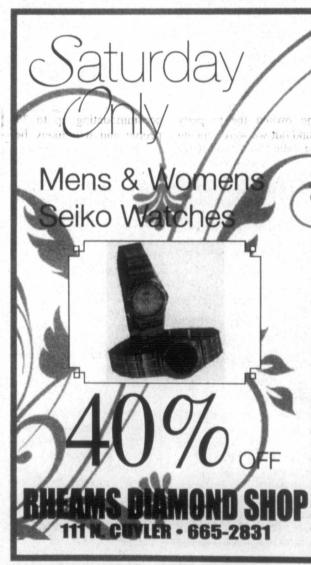
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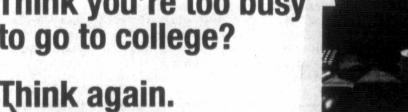
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Varsity volleyball team Trooper seizes 74 pounds of pot has big shoes to fill

BY ANDREW GLOVER

After one week of practice, volleyball coaches are pleased with their teams' frogress. Head Coach labby Garza said her team getting better.

'We're young but our eniors are providing leadership," Garza said after Thursday afternoon's practice. "Tonight we pick teams. We still have some kinks to work out."

Garza said the team is still working on playing together.

We just need to get a feel for each other," the head volleyball coach said. We have a good setter and we still need to work on

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little things with passing. aglover@thepampanews.com But that will come with repetition."

The team spent a lot of their practice Thursday scrimmaging against each other and running. The freshman team was also practicing this week. Coach Deanna Polasek said the first week of practice was not bad.

"We improved from the first time out," Polasek said. "We have some freshman that might move up to JV."

Polasek said the team improved their footwork and passing but need to work on transitioning, and defense positioning.

The varsity, junior var-

Carson County- A Highway Patrol Indiana when she was stopped. During

Trooper seized 74 lbs of marijuana during a traffic stop near Mclean in Gray County along I-40 WEdnesday, August

A Highway Patrol Trooper working on I-40 in Gray County near Mclean observed a vehicle traveling east fail to signal its lane change.

The Trooper conducted a traffic stop at about 2:52 p.m. on the vehicle and identified the driver as Casanda Dacre Booker 36, of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Booker was traveling from Phoenix, Arizona to Indianapolis,

the traffic stop the Trooper requested consent to search the vehicle and was denied consent. A wheeler County K-9 unit was called and conducted a free air sniff of the vehicle. The K-9 alerted to the presence of a controlled substance in the vehicle. The Trooper then conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle and discovered 74 lbs of marijuana. The marijuana was located in the trunk and rear seat of the vehicle. Booker was arrested and booked into the Gray County jail for possession of

Ex-Texas school worker pleads guilty in fight club

(AP) — A former worker at a Texas school where developmentally disabled residents were forced into "fight club" bouts pleaded guilty Friday to allowing the injury of a disabled person and received a twoyear suspended jail sen-

Vincent Johnson, 22, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of reckless or negligent injury to a disabled person through omission for not stopping the fights orchestrated by some staff members at the Corpus Christi State School.

State District Judge Sandra Watts sentenced Johnson to the suspended jail time and five years probation in exchange for residents into fights, even his agreement to testify in cases against other former school staff, according to court records. Johnson also will have to complete 150 hours community service and pay a \$2,000 fine.

He had been scheduled to go on trial with two other former school employees, Jesse Salazar and Guadalupe Delarosa Jr., on Monday. Delarosa's trial could be rescheduled due to a conflict for his attorney.

Almost 20 videos dating to 2007 were discovered in March on a phone that was found at a clothing store and later turned in to police. The videos showed staff at the school forcing

kicking them to egg them

Eleven staff members were identified in the videos and six were charged. None of those charged still works at the school.

Johnson is the second to plead guilty, but the first to be sentenced. D'Angelo Riley pleaded guilty last month. Prosecutors offered another former employee, Stephanie Garza, immunity in exchange for her testimony, but a judge has so far refused to accept that

If Garza's case moves forward, Johnson's deal to testify could be critical.

Hampton

time around, including the Recovery Act and the Tax Assistance Program.

"We are digesting our options now," Lang said, 'feeling our way through. We may apply for both to cover our bases. We'll take the first program that's going to work for us."

He said it has been a long process and a frustrating one at times.

"We just want to get some units on the

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sity, and freshman teams

are going to Bushland on

Saturday, for a scrimmage.

Garza said the final rosters

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"We have four battling for

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Garza said the team does

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"Last year we lost our

Lang hopes construction can begin in January and said his company hires as many local people as it can.

Their contractor is out of Texarkana. "They hire all the sub-contractors for the project. Part of the program is to keep as much of the money as we can in the local economy.'

25The bank will sell its current downtown facility. The jury is still out on the "Northgate" branch on North Hobart.

"We haven't made a decision," Hickman said. "We have been very please with the amount of business we have seen out there."

The new facility will be very visible, said Monroe. "We were openly looking for a spot, but the people who owned the property found out we were looking and called us to see if we were interested," he said. We couldn't have picked a better spot. It will have access to downtown and it will be on a major Monroe said. "We have

thoroughfare."

He added that the building will sit sort of cattycorner on the lot, facing the intersection. The first floor of the bank will encompass some 6,800-7,000 square feet with four-lanes of drive-up, an ATM and ingress/egress off Somerville. The second floor will be office space for lease.

The facility will also include a meeting room accommodating up to 30 people and will-likely be available for use by the community.

"Pampa has been a primary target for Happy State Bank for years,

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great people working for us and with us and we are excited about the opportunity to grow and have a bigger presence in the community."

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Judge orders release of man convicted of rape

Houston judge has ordered the release of a man who spent 23 years in prison for a crime DNA tests say he may not have committed.

At a court hearing Friday, Judge Michael McSpadden asked for an expedited release for Ernest Sonnier, 46, who was convicted of a 1985 rape and sentenced to life. In 2008, the Innocence Project, a national organi-

HOUSTON (AP) — A zation working to exonerate wrongfully convicted people, began conducting new tests that cast doubts on his guilt, attorneys said.

> Sonnier's attorney Alba Morales said her client was released on his own recognizance. He will wear a GPS monitoring device and be supervised as a condition of his release while attorneys move to have him officially exonerated.



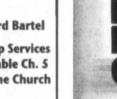
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Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2009. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence as one member of the Hatfield clan was mortally wounded by three McCoy brothers, who ended up being slain in turn.

In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by Prince Edward of Wales, Canadian

"Happiness, it seems to me, consists of two things: first, in being where you belong, and second - and best — in comfortably going through everyday life, that is, having had a good night's sleep and not being hurt by new shoes.'

> Theodor Fontane, German author

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and U.S. Vice President Charles Dawes.

In 1942, U.S. and allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which had carried a

six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago; all six crew members reached land safely In 1959, the United States launched the Explorer 6

satellite, which sent back images of the Earth. In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad

powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces. In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over

days later; there were no survivors.) In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12

Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton, during a visit to his home state of Arkansas, promised to devote the rest of his presidency to erasing poverty. Wade Boggs became the first player to homer for his 3,000th hit in Tampa Bay's 15-10 loss to Cleveland. Today's Birthdays: Writer-producer Stan Freberg is 83. R&B singer Herb Reed (The Platters) is 81. Magician, author and lecturer James Randi is 81. Former baseball pitcher Don Larsen is 80. Bluesman Magic Slim is 72. Actress Verna Bloom is 70. Humorist Garrison Keillor is 67 Singer B. I. Thomas is 67. Singer Lana Cantrell is 66. Actor John Glover is 65. Actor David Rasche is 65. R&B singer Harold Hudson is 60. Actor David Duchovny is 49. Country musician Michael Mahler (Wild Horses) is 48. Actor Harold Perrineau is 46. Jazz musician Marcus Roberts is 46. Country singer Raul Malo is 44. Actress Charlotte Lewis is 42. Actress Sydney Penny is 38. Actor Michael Shannon is 35. Actress Charlize Theron is 34. Rock musician Barry Kerch (Shinedown) is 33. Oakland Raiders punter Shane Lechler is 33.



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Cell phones in prisons mean business as usual for convicted criminals

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Our nation faces a growing threat from crime syndicates and other dangerous felons that operate inside the very facilities meant to keep them and their illicit activities off our streets and out of our communities. Imprisoned convicts coordinate murders, plot extortion schemes, and run drug trafficking, credit card fraud, and identity theft enterprises. These dangerous operations are increasingly facilitated by contraband cell phones smuggled to inmates. This problem is growing at such an alarming rate that it threatens not only the lives of the security professionals who work in these American prisons, but the general public as well.

In 2008, correctional facilities across the nation reported startling numbers of confiscated phones. For example, the federal prison system located more than 1,600 contraband communications devices, and in Texas alone, there were 1,162 cases. This year, there are already nearly 700 illicit cell phone cases in Texas. These numbers are even more disturbing because they represent only the phones that were actually found.

Prisoners are using increasingly sophisticated methods to smuggle phones into correctional facilities and then conceal them from authorities. A single phone is often shared among many inmates, and just a few phones inside a prison can lead to coordinated attacks both inside and outside prison walls. And we have seen how effective these tools are for spreading violence. Escape attempts coordinated by contraband cell phone have resulted in the deaths of corrections officers. Prisoners have also used them to intimidate witnesses and local officials and to carry out assassination attempts. In Maryland, a witness for an upcoming trial was gunned down in his front yard after a prisoner gave the murderer his address from a cell phone. At a recent Senate hearing, Texas state senator John Whitmire shared an account of how he was contacted by an inmate with an illicit phone, and subsequently subjected to harassment and death threats.

While the danger of inmates armed with cell phones is apparent, prisons are struggling to keep pace with the problem by using traditional security measures, such as trained dogs, handheld scanners, and metal detectors. We must provide corrections officers with a comprehensive solution that includes the tools necessary to prevent the use of phones when they evade detection and discovery. To that end, law enforcement officers, corrections professionals, governors, and others working to address this problem have asked Congress and the Federal Communications Commission for authority to use cell phone signal jamming equipment.

Federal law prohibits the use of jamming devices in all but a few cases. Prohibiting intentional interference serves an important purpose because unregulated jamming technology could hamper commercial wireless operations and public safety communications. That is why we must have a sensible process to review devices and provide protections designed to minimize the chance of interference before permitting the use of jamming equipment.

In January, I introduced

bipartisan legislation which allows correctional facilities to seek a conditional waiver from the Federal Communications how he and his family were Commission (FCC) to operate a wireless jamming device. The Safe Prisons Communications Act creates a framework for the FCC to test and approve jamming equipment and to review applications from corrections facilities seeking to install cell phone jammers. Most importantly, to ensure the integrity of wireless networks for public safety and commercial wireless providers, and minimize any chance of interference, the legislation outlines the coordinated efforts from all stakeholders, including prisons and telecommunication the providers.

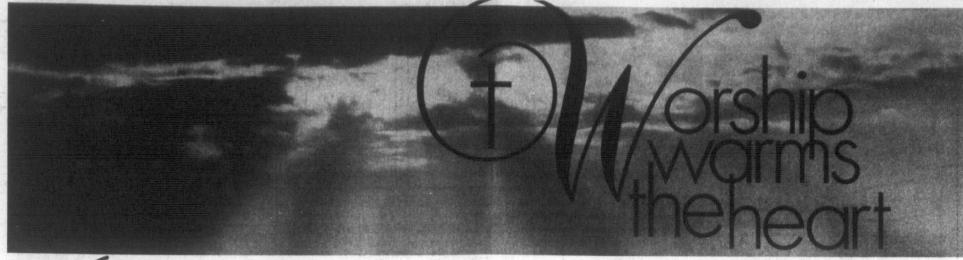
> Some have suggested that there are alternatives to jamming technology. But many of these technologies present problems for corrections departments because of their high cost, or because they may be useful at detecting phones, but not preventing their

use. With lives on the line, Congress has a responsibility to ensure that all available technologies that can prevent the actual use of cell phones in prisons are available to the hard-working men and women on the front lines

Prisons are meant to stop the commission of crimes, but cell phones inside prisons mean business as usual for dangerous felons. America's dedicated law enforcement and corrections professionals need this important capability, and they are counting on Congress to help them meet this challenge. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in this important fight to protect the innocent from the convicted when this legislation comes to the Senate floor for a vote this fall

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and the Ranking Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.





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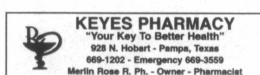
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I just returned from a few days on the Alabama coast where I learned bikinis come in all shapes and sizes. That's right, ladies. Whatever your weight, height or age, there is a bikini made for you.

I sat in my sand chair wearing my one piece, I might add, as women in bikinis walked by. I was in awe at their utter lack of concern for how they looked in their bikinis. My fellow beach lovers were clearly happy and content. Not one appeared worried about what others were thinking as they blazed trails in the sand.

So why couldn't I join in their beach brigade? I own several new bikinis that I longed to wear. Honestly, I've been waiting for my final unwanted fifteen pounds to drop before I feel worthy of being seen in a two-piece. As some of the bikini-clad women walked by, I kept telling my daughter, "I wouldn't do that."

But did it really matter so much what other women looked like in their bikinis?

No! So why did I think anyone would care about what I looked like? I was not bothered or surprised that bikinis come in so many different shapes and sizes.

It eventually occurred to me that I was embarrassed and ashamed of my extra pounds and lack of tone. Indeed, I suffered with a severe case of self-consciousness. Or in other words, I struggled with an acute sense of self-awareness, which was exacerbated by my many shortcomings.

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My self-image was being negatively influenced by my inner critic. And my inner critic had an image of what I should look like but didn't. My daughter says my biggest problem is lamenting over what I looked like twenty-five years ago. Regardless, it became clear that I was not happy with my appearance today.

We all have a mental picture of who we are, how we look and what our weaknesses might be. And it's this point of view that has more to do with how we feel wearing a bikini than the actual shape and size of our body.

So how can I soften my harsh viewpoint? Feel good about myself? Appreciate myself -- right now? This doesn't mean I no longer want to drop those fifteen pounds -- because I do. But in the meantime, I do think I need to change my inner voice from critic to cheerleader.

To begin with, perhaps rather than being so preoccupied with my body and its flaws, I should give at least equal attention to my thoughts and attitude as well as my abilities and skills. Perhaps I should begin with pondering the "me" that God sees and loves. God most definitely sees what is good about each of His children -- cherishing our talents, celebrating our accomplishments. We should do no less.

While we may all have things about ourselves we would like to improve or make better, we also do many things and have many traits deserving of recognition, appreciation and honor.

My mamma has always taught me to look for and see the good in everyone. But sometimes I forget to include my own self in that practice. Focusing on the good we see in ourselves -- especially when we base our opinion on what God sees in us -- gives us encouragement to continue on a progressive path. Our inner cheerleader will point us onward and forward to higher goals and improvements, assuring us that anything is possible, obtainable and reachable.

Criticizing or condemning ourselves and our features can trap us in a self-sabotaging pattern that is difficult to get out of. We may become impossible to please and never appreciate the progress we make. This can lead to an endless cycle of discouragement and dissatisfaction.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" wrote Margaret Wolfe Hungerford in 1878. No doubt the human opinion of what is beautiful is as varied and different as there are people. This statement was actually written in various forms that expressed much the same meaning dating back as early as the 3rd century BC in Greek.

But the Creator of us all will always behold the unique beauty of each of His children. Look at yourself and others and embrace the beauty that is God-given. As we expect to see the beauty the divine Beholder sees, we'll discover how really beautiful we each are -- regardless of the size of our bikinis.

Annette Bridges is a freelance writer who lives on a north Texas ranch with her husband, John. Her columns are published weekly on United Press International's ReligionAndSpirituality.com.

From the desk of Dr. Johnny Funderburg

It seems to me that life is cyclical. Maybe better said, "History repeats itself." We seem to go through a particular stage in life, have a blessed exit from that stage, only to enter back into it again.

Trials are like that. Sickness seems to be like that. Here at the church we are in one of those "lots of people sick" stages. Illnesses, hospitalizations, surgeries, and the like are popping up all over lately.

The real problem with this "illness stage" is that it is happening to people we know and love. They are folks we hurt with. People we grieve over. Some we would trade places with, if we could.

But in one way, that's what the fellowship of the church is all about.

But in one way, that's what the fellowship of the church is all about. We are all members of one body. "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Likewise, we are commanded to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6: 2). Please listen closely again to this statement: Bearing each other's burdens FULFILLS the law of Christ

Christ.

In other words, the law of God, with all of its commands and truths and points, can find its ultimate fulfillment—achievement—completion in our helping to shoulder one another's burdens. Pretty potent stuff. For I can know that when I am loving someone enough to put my shoulder underneath the load they are carrying—when I come along side them, and take some of their load off them, I am not just doing what Jesus would do, I am fulfilling the reason He came; I am loving someone enough to become personally involved.

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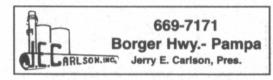
Maybe that ought to be our motto. It certainly should be our purpose. Look around this week. Find someone you are willing to love enough to help them. It might be something as simple as assisting them in a task—helping them with a physical need. It might be just listening to them, providing a listening ear—meeting an emotional need. Or it might involve sharing the love of Jesus with them—realizing they have a great spiritual need.

Whatever the need, by helping, we are fulfilling the law of Christ.

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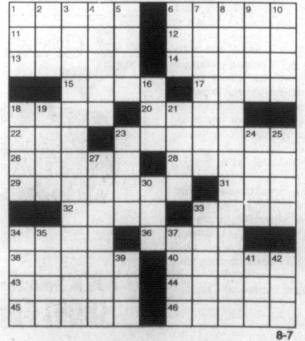
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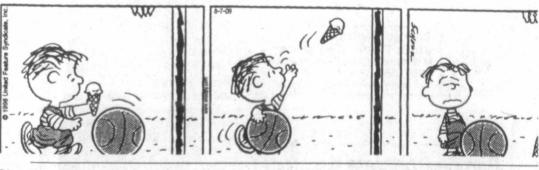




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19TH & Chestnut. Breaker boxes, port. dishwasher, kitch island, double stroller, all seasons maternity clothes, metal cabinets, \$20 car batteries, bunk bed, new sets dishes. furniture, Homer

am. Sat only. 915 Christine, Fri. & Sat. 7am.-? Trampoline,

Laughlin dishes, misc. 9

GARAGE Sale, 2117 N. Wells. Baby items, misc. Sat. 8am-noon MOVING Sale + 100's in 1 crib to youth bed & of yards of cotton fabmatching chest of draw- ric. 2109 N. Zimmers.

> SAT 8-? 16 ft. garage washer & dryer set, file cabinets, trolling mtr. elec. dryer, lots of good 11950 stuff!! McCullough

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headache rack, clothes. household misc. 1628 N. Dwight, Sat. 8-? BACK Yard Sale: Sat. 9-5. 711 N. Zimmers. Air compressor, bean

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709 Mora. Boys & womens clothes, lots of misc. Sat. 8am.-2pm. 2 Family Garage Sale 1300 Mary Ellen

Fri. & Sat. 9-1 1326 N. Russell. Sat. & Sun. 9-?

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This year, you often hit conflict with partners and those who are involved with you financially. You might want to have your own accounts and not be so vested in others and their opinions and decisions. Focus on your goals and desires, and you could achieve them. If you are single, you easily could meet someone through a friend, or the person might be a friend first. If you are attached, work as a team and focus on your goals and longterm desires. Together as a couple you can realize them. PISCES understands you better than you might like.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Getting up on the wrong side of the bed doesn't help! Consider going back to bed and restarting your day Make plans low-key, and take care of what you need to in order to make a situation work. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** A friend could be contentious and difficult, no matter which way you go. Investigate options with an open eye and knowing what you want. Surround yourself with friends, and the day will work naturally. Tonight: Look to

you. Your attention means more than you realize. Tonight: A must appearance. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Defer to others, as your ideas

are not appreciated. Some of you might

choose to take off or a very different pas-

DAILY HOROSCOPE

time. Perhaps just hopping in a car and going to a favorite summer spot could work. Distance helps you recharge. Tonight: Try something different. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** A partner or several key friends and/or family members have a strong idea of what they would like you to do. As long as it doesn't take you too far off

**** You cannot blame a lack of popularity for you not having plans. Decide on your own plans. Many people come up with suggestions, whether you like them or not. If fatigue kicks in, then call it an early day and head home for a nap. Tonight: Say "yes" to an enticing

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Stay even and direct with others. Someone might be very quarrelsome, tossing any plans into limbo. You know what you want, and make a decision

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Relax and enjoy.

**** You discover the pros and ing it. Someone could become combative or difficult, no matter what you do or the choices you make. Consider different ideas and possibilities. Tonight: Honor a need to do less. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Tonight: Out and about, strutting your AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Not everyone makes the choices you do, and others let you know clearly where they are coming from. If you want

might be tired, changing plans. Make that OK. Tonight: Choose for you.

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cons of a situation by being there and liv-

*** See beyond the obvious and get

past an important restriction or frustration. Your perspective is viable. Encourage others to think freely and to brainstorm. Make plans as a group

(You might not have a choice!) PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Pressure builds on the home front, and you might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Not everyone thinks as you do or has the same situations. A partner could feel left out or

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug.

where the action is. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Others look to you for ideas and/or a different set of plans. You might not appreciate being put in the position

of having to determine or create a hap-

pening. Do check in with an older rela-

tive who might want to spend time with

your path, or you like what you hear, the only question is "Why not?" Tonight: Make sure there is music wherever you VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

accordingly. A steady pace could be important. Tonight: Make it easy.

*** You might want to try some-

thing very different. Somehow, your

imagination challenges a close partner or

friend. Perhaps this person feels left out

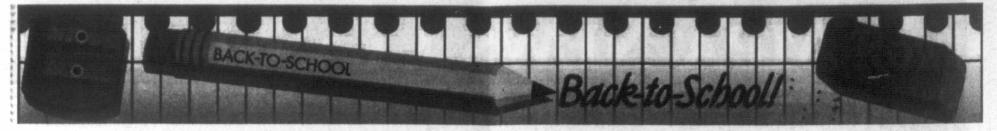
and somewhat threatened. Help him or

her get past the issue at hand. Tonight:

to rethink a monetary decision, do. Others might be too uptight to have a lengthy discussion. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at www.jacquelinebigar.com.



School Supply List Wilson Elementary

WIN

- Backpack
- 2 pkgs. #2 pencils
- 2 boxes crayons 24 count
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 box ziploc bags (any size)
- 2 plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 5 boxes of kleenex
- 3 erasers (not pencil top)

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes of crayons 24 count thin size
- 12 #2 plain yellow pencils 1 school box (8in x 5in.) Not Larger
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 box quart ziploc bags
- 2 large boxes of kleenex
- 70 page spiral notebook watercolors
- 1 pair Fiskar sharp point scissors small backpack (no wheels, please)
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer

1st Grade

- 1 eraser
- 1 school box
- 2 packages of #2 pencils
- 1 bottle of glue
- 3 boxes of 24 count (regular,thin size) cravons
- 2 pocket folders 1 pair Fiskar scissors
- 1 backpack
- 3 boxes of kleenex
- 1 box of markers (primary colors)
- 1 box sandwich or larger ziploc bags
- 1 container antibacterial wipes or hand sanitizer map pencils
- 6 glue sticks

2 boxes 24 count crayons

Second Grade

- 3 packages #2 pencils 1 box ziploc bags gallon or quart
- 8 glue sticks 2 pocket folders with brads
- (red,blue,green,yellow)
- 3 erasers
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 pair sharp point Fiskar scissors
- 1 wide ruled spiral notebook

1 container of disinfect wipes

Third Grade

- 2 large pkgs. Of notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 2 large erasers
- 20 #2 wood pencils
- 1 box crayons (24 count) 1 bottle elmer's glue (4 oz)
- 1 school box (no large boxes)
- 6 pocket folders
- 1 quart size ziploc bags map pencils
- 2 boxes kleenex
- 1 pair scissors
- flash cards (multiplication, addition & subtrac-
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 packages of glue sticks gallon ziploc bags
- 1 bottle of germ x (girls to bring)
- 1 container of antibacterial wipes (boys bring) No rolling backpacks, markers, or notebooks

Fourth Grade

- 1 box #2 wood pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 box crayons (36 counts)
- 1 large pkg. Notebook paper (wide-rule) 6 pocket folders no brads
- 1 box map pencils
- 2 pkg. Glue sticks pair scissors
- 1 box ziploc bags
- 2 boxes of kleenex
- 2 red pens or pencils
- 1 pencil bag
- 1 large good quality eraser
- 5 spiral notebooks (no easy tear lines)
- 1 binder 2 pkgs dividers
- Flash cards (multiplication and division)

Fifth Grade

- 2 composition notebooks
- 1 box crayons 1 box map pencils
- wide-ruled notebook paper
- 4 pocket folders with brads
- 4 boxes kleenex 1 highlighter
- 2 boxes #2 wood pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 box of sandwich or quart size ziploc bags 1 package of tab dividers

Sales Tax Holiday offers best savings ever for budget conscious families

(AUSTIN) — Shoppers will save more than ever before during the annual sales tax holiday - which now includes more than two dozen school supply items in addition to clothing and backpacks. Families will save an estimated \$65.7 million in state and local sales taxes, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

The annual sales tax holiday weekend is coming up Aug. 21-23. State law designates the weekend of the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday.

"Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and supplies they need for a new school year," Combs said. "To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of taxfree items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly

\$9 million in state and local sales taxes this year."

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The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Lists of tax-free clothing and school supplies can be found at www. txtaxholiday.org

The annual August taxfree shopping spree has saved shoppers around \$442 million since it began in 1999.





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WEEKLY

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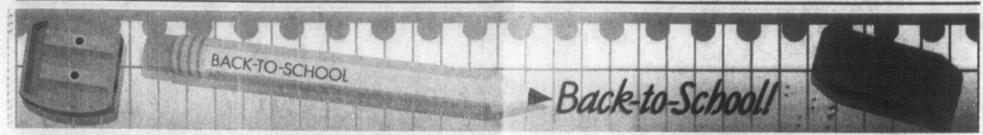
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Kindergarten 1 pkg #2 yellow pencils

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1 pkg. Gallon size ziploc bags 2 plastic folders with 3 hole prongs (one yellow one purple)

1 scissors Fiskars are the best!

First Grade

1 scissors Fiskars are the best 20 pack of plain yellow #2 pencils sharpened 3 boxes of kleenex

2 box crayons 24 count 10 glue sticks

1 plastic school box 2 pocket folders one yellow one purple 1 box gallon snack size ziploc

Second Grade 1 box crayons 24 count

10 pack of plain yellow #2 pencils sharpened

2 large boxes kleenex 2 pocket folders

1 glue 8 oz

1 pointed scissors 1 reg size school box

1 spiral notebook wide lined 1 pkg. Markers

2 pocket folders with brads

Third Grade 1 regular size school box (no large or extra large) 4 pocket folders 30#2 pencils (sharpened) (no

mechanical pens or pencils)

6 glue sticks 2 pink erasers (no pencil top erasers)

1 pair pointed scissors

1 box crayons 24 count 1 box of markers 10 count

1 spiral notebook wide rule 3 large boxes of kleenex

1 pkg notebook paper wide

1 pkg Ziploc bags gallon size no handheld pencil sharpeners No notebooks or trapper

Fourth Grade

2 pkgs wide ruled notebook 2 twenty four count # 2 pencils 2 boxes of kleenex cravons markers map colors

glue sticks 2 block erasers pencil pouch (strong to last

No trapper keepers or note-

Fifth Grade

3 stretchable book covers 4 pocket folders with brads 1 box 24 count crayons 2 large boxes kleenex 2 packages notebook paper wide ruled

10 pack #2 sharpened no mechanical pens or pencils papermate recommended 1 point scissors

1 zipper pencil bag 1 eraser 1 box colored pencils

2 glue sticks No notebooks or trapper

School Supply List Children may qualify for lunch assistance at the public schools

MONTHLY

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\$2.247

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\$1,984

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\$2,794

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ANNUALLY

\$18,941

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\$28,665

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\$38,389

\$43,251

Security number of the adult

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Security number, the house-

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that a Social Security num-

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Number," or some indica-

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Pampa Independent School District has a policy for providing free and reducedprice meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The Child Nutrition office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. The household size and income criteria (see chart) will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or Child Nutrition Office. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Food Stamps/Temporary Assistance for Needy

*\$48,113 \$68,469 \$4,010 \$2,005 \$2,853 \$52:975 \$75.388 \$4,416 \$6.283 \$2,208 \$3,142 \$2,038 \$2,901 \$57,837 \$82,307 \$4,822 \$6,860 \$62,699 \$89,226 \$5,228 \$7,437 \$2,614 \$2,412 \$3,720 \$3,435 \$67,561 \$96,145 \$5,634 \$8,014 \$2,817 \$4,009 \$2,599 \$3,702 \$406 \$577 \$203 \$289 \$187 \$267 Families (TANF) only have have a Social Security numto list their child's name and ber. The application must be food stamp or TANF case signed by an adult household member. Under the number. An adult household member must sign the appliprovisions of the free and Households that reduced-price meal policy, do not list a Food Stamp/ Child Nutrition Director, TANF case number must 2401 Charles, 806-669list the names of all house-4718 will review applicahold members, the amount tions and determine eligiand source of the income bility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling received by each household member, and the Social

of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the Superintendent of Pampa Independent School District, 321 W. Albert, 806-

669-4700. If a household

member becomes unem-

ployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pampa ISD is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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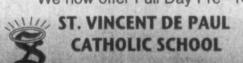
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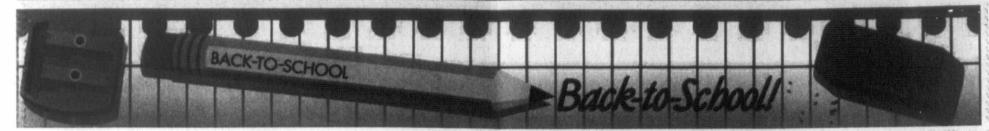
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Tech items for today's students

There used to be a time when a student could make the grade with a looseleaf binder and a few pens and pencils. Today's students lean toward a higher-tech arsenal of gadgets to ensure a good grade point average.

Here are some gadgets and gizmos many students prefer that can make school time fun, efficient and downright techy.

1. Digital voice recorders: Students of all ages are recognizing the benefits of record-

ing class lessons for future playback. Recording teachers' dictation can serve as a backup to handwritten notes, or allow students to transcribe their notes at a later time. It's also a good way to retrace steps and prepare for midterm or periodic tests that run the gamut of classroom material. Olympus makes a variety of digital voice recorders that can quickly transfer digital files to a computer for future playback. Or for an even more efficient way of notetaking, explore the possibilities with the Livescribe Pulse Digital Smartpen. This digital pen creates digital copies of everything you write by hand while recording audio at the same time. It can also link the audio with your notes. Files are uploaded to a computer where the Livescribe software atchives and makes your notes fully searchable.

2. Laptop computer: Students are continually understanding the benefits of investing in a laptop computer for school work -- not just for updating MySpace or Facebook posts. They can always have assignments a mouse click away, and are able to easily type notes and start on assignments in free time. For students who ride a blus or train to school, or carpool with friends, make the most of that downtime by organizing files and working on homework. Most laptops come with an array of software that can easily be used for school purposes. For example, use calendar functions to keep track of assignments and other school to-do lists. Manage friends and teacher contact information in your address book, then simply link to your e-mail program for quick notes and assignment questions. Bookmark teacher assignment Web sites or your school homepage to keep track of the latest news -- right from your Web browser. You can even purchase voice récognition software so you can dictate term papers and other assignments rather than having to type them -- ideal i∦ your typing speed needs improvement.

3. Mobile phone: You'd probably be hard-pressed to find a student who didn't have a mobile phone these days, but there still are the rare students who have managed to survive without one until now. However, as many school districts broadcast emergency news over a phone- or ermail-based information system, having a cell phone takes on a new security-minded role. While no one wants to think about a potential security threat on campus, the reality is their prevalence has increased in recent years. Having a phone close by to receive either a call or an

e-mail alert can help save lives.

4. DVR: Students are busier than ever, which means that television and recreation time can often compete with necessary school work. Digital video recorders (DVR), made popular when TiVo came on the market, are now available from many cable and satellite television providers for a nominal charge per month. Students can simply program their favorite programs to record and watch them later on when homework is done and the time is more convenient. If your teacher frequently assigns work that involves watching presidential speeches, history programs and the like, record these shows so that you can watch and rewatch to complete assignments.

5. MP3 player: These handheld gadgets store and play back hundreds of songs and movies, and can even store pictures. While the entertainment factor is certainly there, there's an educational potential as well. Transfer those audio files you recorded of class lectures to your player to listen to on your way to school or as part of your study time, for even more lesson reinforcement. BS097307

Packing healthy school lunches

(StatePoint) Packing nutritious school lunches that kids will eat can be tricky. You want to make sure that all those healthy foods you carefully selected are not traded away for junk food or tossed into the trash.

With childhood obesity a growing problem, many parents are determined to find healthful but tempting school lunches for their kids.

"Just because a bagged lunch is nutritious doesn't mean it shouldn't be fun. Include a variety of foods your kids enjoy and get creative by packing colorful vegetables and fiber-rich fluits. And since kids love spacks, don't fight it, pick healthy snacks and avoid junky chips and empty calories," says Josh Schroeter, cb-founder of Sahale Snacks, a producer of healthy, allnatural snack foods.

· Make Favorites Even Better: Choose whole grain bread over white bread when making your child's favorite

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School Supply List Austin Elementary

Kindergarten

2 boxes crayons* count skinny basic colors

2 boxes crayola markers-fat size basic colors 4 pencils

2 pink peal erasers

2 boxes of kleenex 4 large glue sticks

2 pocket folders 1 backpack that zips no wheels

please! 1 towel for rest time 1 wide ruled 70 sheet spiral

notebook paper scissors map colors girls bring snack size zip lock

boys bring quart size zip lock No pencil sharpeners or pencil

First Grade

8 glue sticks

2 Boxes of crayons 24 count 1 pkg of yellow #2 pencils 4 large boxes of kleenex

1 pair Fiskar scissors blunt tip 1 bottle 4 fl. Oz Elmers glue 1 hard plastic school box (no

zipper bags & no larger than

cigar box) 2 large pink pearl erasers

4 pocket folders with brads 1 composition notebook

1 box of classic markers 1 backpack large enough to

hold a coat without wheels Please do not label supplies! We will hang onto any unused supplies and distribute as needed!

Second Grade

2 pocket folders 1 box of crayons 24 count 24#2 pencils label each one 1 wide rule journal 6 glue sticks

3 boxes of kleenex 1 box markers crayon broad

1 school box cigar box size

2 pink pearl erasers 1 package ziploc bags quart or gallon size

1 container of Clorox wipes 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Third Grade

2 folders with pockets only

1 box of colored pencils 1 pkg #2 pencils

2 red grading pencils 1 Elmers white school glue (

7.625oz)

2 boxes of crayons 24 count

3 boxes of kleenex 1 small school box

1 pink pearl eraser

1 composition book No Notebooks please

Fourth Grade 24 plain wooden pencils no mechanical pencils 5 red grading pens

4pkgs notebook paper wide 2 large boxes of kleenex 2 rolls of paper towels

3 single subject spiral notebooks 70pgs no perforated notebooks

1 pair scissors sharp point

2 highlighters 6 glue sticks

2 hard 2 inch 3 ring binders 2 soft vinyl 1 inch 3 ring binders No large binders

1 large pink pearl eraser 1 pencil bag 3 hole to fit in binder 18 oz pump hand sanitizer No backpacks on wheels! 1 set of 10 markers

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3 sets of 5 notebook dividers 1 box of colored pencils No sharpie markers!

Fifth Grade

3-1 1/2 durable white 3 ring binders (no zippers) 3-5 tab plastic dividers 2-single subject spirals 3x pocket folders 2-pkg wide ruled loose leaf 1-10 count markers 1-24 count crayons

1 12 count map pencils pencils no mechanical 1-pkg of red pens 1 pair of scissors 1-12 inch ruler 2 boxes of kleenex

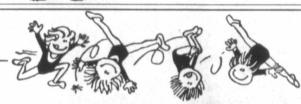
1 roll of paper towels 1 clorox wipes 1 pkg of ziplock bags (boys-qt

sz girls-gal sz) No Backpacks with wheels



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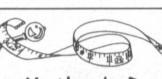
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Mother's Day Out at First Christian Church is back!!

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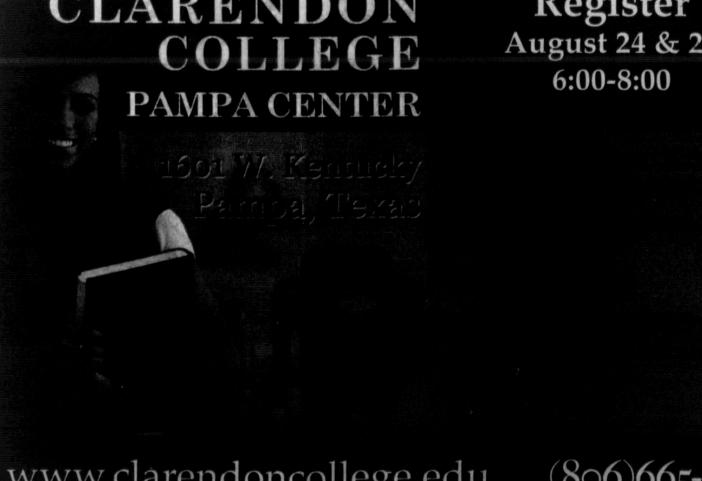
> Class will begin Tuesday, September 1 & then every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm.

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School Supply List Travis Elementary

Kindergarten

3 boxes of Crayola brand only crayons-24 count box small size-not fluorescent

3 plastic pocket folders no brads

2 boxes of Kleenex-large

1 package of yellow #2 pencils at least 10 6 large glue sticks or 12 small glue sticks 2 sets of fat crayola brand markers not skinny (classic colors-no bolds or pastels)

1 school back pack (large enough to hold folders rolling ones will not be permitted in kindergarten)

1 box of ziploc baggies any size 2 rolls of paper towels

1 pump bottle of hand soap

additional supplies will be requested as needed Label jackets and book bags only

Do not label crayons or markers with child's name. This way you can return items to the store if need be.

First Grade

1 spiral notebook (70 page)

4 boxes crayons (24 count)

1 pair Fiskars pointed tip scissors 1 bottle of Elmers white school glue no gel

8 glue sticks

-qt

1 pkg #2 pencils

4 pocket folders with brads pockets at the bottom red, yellow, blue, green, 1 of each color

1 pocket folder of your choice or design

1 school box cigar size box only 1 box quart size ziploc bags

3 large boxes of kleenex

2 black dry erase markers (no colored markers) 1 box of washable standard skinny markers

additional supplies may be requested by the homeroom teachers in August.

Second Grade

1 box crayons (24 count)

20-#2 pencils 18 oz bottle of white glue (Elmers-No Gel

2 glue sticks 2 large boxes of Kleenex (200 count)

1 box crayola markers

1 school box

2 wide rule spiral notebook (70 pg)

4 plastic pocket folders with brads (red, yellow, blue, green, 1 of each color

1 folder with pockets any color or design 2 pink erasers

1 box ziploc freezer bags-boys-gallon size-girls-

A few additional supplies may be requested by the homeroom teacher at enrollment in August.

Third Grade

1 3 pack glue sticks

2 packages of 24 pencils

1 package wide lined paper 5 pocket folders with brads solid color

2 packages of 24 colored pencils

6 red grading pencils

2 large boxes of kleenex 2 boxes of crayons

2 large pink erasers 2 composition notebooks(100 sheet wide rule

on whole pages 9.75x7.5

1 small zipper pencil bag 3 boxes of flash cards (1 box each of

multiplication, subtraction, and addition) No trapper Keepers, No Binders, No Rolling

Backpacks! **Fourth Grade**

1 Box #2 Pencils no mechanical pencils 24 count-Leave pencils in box

1 box of red grading pens or pencils

1 package of notebook paper wide rule 1 large zipper pencil bag

8 pocket folders (write names at the tops of folders)

1 box of crayons 24 count Leave crayons in box

1 box of washable markers 8 count leave in box

1 elmer's glue 4 fluid oz white glue

2 boxes of kleenex (200)

1 centimeter and inch ruler wooden

1 set of 2 highlighters to be used in all classes Please check periodically to see if supplies need

to replenished or replaced. Put name on supplies with permanent marker!

Fifth Grade

4 pkgs of notebook paper

1 plastic ruler with inches and centimeters not foldable

3 packages of blue or black erasable pens

2 packages of 24 count #2 pencils 3 plain plastic color folders with brads and

pockets 1 red,1 blue, and 1 of another color

1 box markers need to fit in pencil bag

2 boxes of kleenex 2 pkgs red grading pens

1 pencil bag with metal reinforced foles for plastic folder

1 box of ziploc bags any size

pair of scissors-community use

I binder 1' with clear cover for inserts 1 pkg of tab dividers

please put name on all supplies

Lunches

sandwich. Substitute a whole wheat tortilla or pita pocket and kids won't notice a difference. Choose lean lunch meats such as turkey or chicken and low fat cheeses. Use mustard instead of mayonnaise. Home-made bean or yogurt dip with vegetable sticks can be a tasty source

of protein and fiber. · Go Nuts with Nutrient-Rich Snacks: Nuts and seeds make terrific protein- and fiber- rich snacks in lunchboxes. They contain hearthealthy fats and satisfy the craving for crunchy foods. Choose nut mixes with low sodium and no trans-fat or heavily processed sweeteners -- and go beyond boring trail mixes. Liven things up with all-natural, kid-friendly glazed nut blends, such as Sahale Snack's "Almond PB&J" blend of nuts, strawberries, raspberries and ground vanilla beans.

Avoid packing refined carbohydrates and high fats together in one lunch. Substitution is key. If the main dish runs high in carbs or fats, add a side of veggies or fruit instead of chips or cheesy puffs. This cuts down on obesity-inducing foods that also might leave your child sluggish for the rest of the day. Substitute water for soda or juice, avoiding empty calories and sugar.

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· Play Dress-Up: Just because it's made of vegetables, doesn't have to mean boring. Dress-up a saladwith nuts and dried fruit to make it more fun by adding crunch and sweetness, · Make Calories Count: Mix in nuts, dried cranberries or apple slices. Or, opt for a pre-packaged nut blend that combines tree nuts with dried fruit like pomegranate or berries. Just be sure it's, not loaded with sugar or high fructose corn syrup. Select one with organic evaporated cane juice or some natural

> honey instead. · Let Kids Choose: Have children help with the shopping and preparation.



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Teaching kids to be organized for school

(StatePoint) If your kids are like most, their backpacks, desks and lockers quickly become a disorganized mess of homework papers, permission slips and

notebooks. Teaching children how to make sense of it all is critical to helping them become more successful in school.

"Organizing schoolwork and materials allows kids to organize their minds so they are better able to focus on their studies," says Jodie Watson, Founder and President of Supreme Organization and the Organizing Expert from TLC's "Real Simple. Real

Life." Here are some simple and helpful tips from Watson to get children organized for

school success: Get your children involved in creating systems to get organized. The more involved they are in the process, the more they will stick with it. Create a system that encompasses everything from the right school supplies to designated study areas at home to daily routines for completing homework and getting organized.

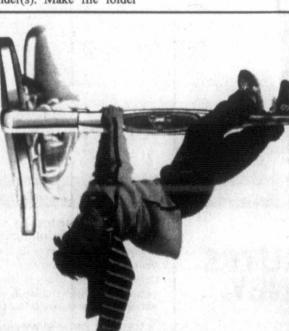
· Create a binder to hold your child's class work as he or she goes through the year, or individual binders for each class. Use durable or heavy duty binders so they will withstand wear and tear throughout the school year, which will save money in the long run. Watson recommends buying school supplies from a manufacturer such as Avery Dennison, which participates in the "Box Tops for Education" program helping schools raise cash for classroom equipment, library books, computers and other sup-

· Color-code and label prominently. Use different color binders for each subject so your children can easily find the one they need in a hurry. Label the front cover and spine with your child's name, year and semester. Label the inside with their name and a contact number in case the bind-

er gets lost or left at school. · Create a desktop file system in your child's study area at home. Color-code file folders for each subject to match the color-coding system they have in their

labels on the computer or using a permanent marker so each folder can be easily

identified. · Have your child update and organize their assignments, backpack and binder each evening as part of their homework routine to be ready for the following day. Getting them to stick to routines is important.

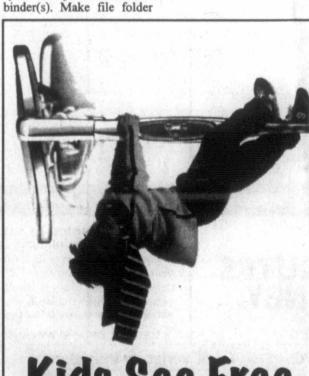


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New Lesser Prairie-Chicken brochure available for landowners

LUBBOCK, Texas - A new brochure titled "A Shared Future" details how the lesser prairie-chicken is an indicator of rangeland health and part of the West Texas heritage, how it could affect agriculture and rural property if the bird is listed as threatened or endangered, and what landowners and others can do to conserve wildlife habitat and safeguard the region's economy, outdoor recreation opportunities and natural legacy.

"Many conditions are at work that makes us wonder; will the lesser prairiechicken go the way of the passenger pigeon?" asks an early brochure section. "The lesser prairie-chicken symbolizes a vanishing heritage, and there are also many practical reasons private landowners should pay attention to what this bird is telling us. For in fact, what's good for the lesser prairie-chicken is, in many cases, good for landowners and their business."

The 12-page, color publication emerges at a time when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering whether to place the bird on the federal threatened or endangered species list. It was published by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department using hunter dollars from sales of the Upland Game Bird Stamp through a contract with the nonprofit Dorothy Marcille Wood Foundation of Fort Worth.

The brochure points out that lesser prairie-chickens evolved by utilizing rangeland that was naturally stable, vigorous, sustainable and highly productive, "exactly what livestock

producers want to reap the to reduce threats, thereby most lasting benefits from their land.'

It explains that if the prairie-chicken lesser is listed as threatened or endangered, that could have a direct impact on agricultural business. Limitations imposed by the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) could affect day to day operations involving livestock production, including limiting some common activities. Further, oil, gas and wind energy production could be directly impacted if the bird is listed, as ESA rules could affect the locations and scope of these activities.

The scale used to identify urgency of threat to a Candidate Species runs from 12 to one, with one being almost certain that a species will be listed as threatened or endangered. The lesser prairie-chicken recently rose on this scale from an eight to a two.

The federal wildlife service and state wildlife department have developed a program to work with West Texas private landowners in the prairie-chicken lesser range. This Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) allows landowners to utilize conservation options and protect themselves from restrictive land use policies that may arise if/ when the lesser prairiechicken is listed.

The CCAA is voluntary and offers landowners a place at the table, as well as resources to help in future land use planning. This program has the goal of working with landowners

stabilizing and increasing lesser prairie-chicken populations. The ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for listing altogether. The brochure goes on to detail how the CCAA works and how landowners can participate.

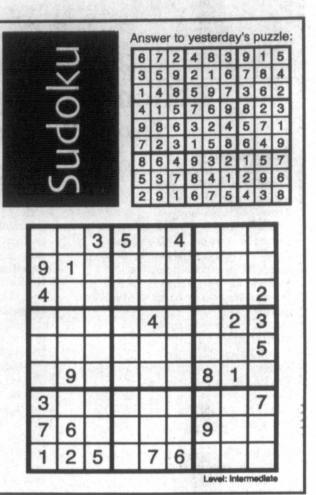
The publication also explains how the unique native prairies that inspired early cattle producers to settle in the High and Rolling Plains looked much different than today's rangeland plant communities. And it details how today, enlightened ranchers have discovered that a healthy habitat for both livestock and wildlife can significantly enhance land values and production.

"Rangeland and water issues also go hand in hand in lesser prairie-chicken country," the brochures states, noting how dropping aquifer levels, surface water availability, and water quality problems

can degrade habitat for lesser prairie-chickens and other wildlife. Conversely, healthy native grasslands are good for prairie-chickens and water resources, helping to naturally hold and filter rainfall and encourage underground aquifer recharge.

'It is important that people involved in all types of agriculture have a sustainable proposition to offer," said Jim Weaver, a rancher quoted in the brochure. To obtain a brochure, contact Laura Wood with the Dorothy Marcille Wood Foundation at laura@ dmwoodfoundation.org or (817) 716-3963.

More information about wildlife conservation for private landowners is on the TPWD Private Lands Program Web page.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

mother recently moved into a senior housing complex, which she loves. Now my mother-in-law, "Irene," has decided she wants to move there, too. The problem is, my mother does not want to live near Irene. Although Mom has always been nice to her, she has never liked her

There are fewer than 50 apartments in the complex and only one dining area. Moving Mother elsewhere is out of the question because she signed a lease. Both Mom and Irene are in their 80s. I don't want to hurt my husband of 46 years or his mother. I feel like I'm ... IN A REAL PICKLE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR IN A PICKLE: Irene is eager to move into the complex because she has no doubt heard how much your mother loves living there and she probably doesn't know about any others. Your husband should encourage his mother to start looking around for an "even better" place. Surely after all these years, the fact that your mother isn't crazy about his won't devastate him. My advice is help Irene by scouting other locations right away.

P.S. She might be more open to the idea if your mother stopped bragging and started doing some complaining.

DEAR ABBY: Our nephew recently asked family members for money to help him go on a mission for his church. Apparently he is supposed to gather 50 sponsors to pay a "tax deductible" \$50 to \$100 per month for two years (via direct bill or credit card), according to the forms from his church.

We love our nephew and his parents, but we do not share their religious beliefs. And quite frankly, the request has upset more than a few members of the family because the amount

DEAR ABBY: My requested is obviously not just to support the young man, but a way to support his church.

> Help! How we respond to such a "charitable" request? EMBARRASSED IN **ARIZONA**

> EMBARRASSED: Respond by writing your nephew a sweet note wishing him well on his mission, and explaining that you do not feel comfortable donating. In no way are you obligated to fork over money -- via credit card or any other way -and you should not feel embarrassed for declining to donate.

> DEAR ABBY: My son, "Rick," is divorcing his wife of five years, "June." It is a painful process and sad not only for them, but

also the extended family. Over the last three years June has developed symptoms of paranoia to the extent that Rick can no longer go out with friends or office associates. She thinks he's having an affair which he is not. She checks his cell phone, reads his e-mails and has turned to alcohol for comfort.

I am relieved that June is now on medication for her symptoms, but the

damage is done. How should I respond to innocent inquiries as to how my son and his wife are doing? We have many friends who know them well. I'm hoping you can give me an appropriate response that will protect both of them until they're able to get their lives back on track. -- MOURNING IN IOWA

DEAR MOURNING: Allow me to suggest a couple: "Rick and June have decided to go their separate ways," or, "They're divorced." You are not obligated to give any more details than that, nor should



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