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dbowser@thepampanews.com MIAMI -- The country has new cow calling champions today following the National Cow Calling Contest here over the weekend.

Steve Anderson won the men's division of the Miami Chamber of Commerce's Cow Calling Contest. Christy White won the ladies' division. Barbara Bailey won the grandma's division. Don Hoard won the granddad's division. Laura Hurst won the girl's division. Austin Breeding the boy's division.

The J&R Enterprises Team of Rick Tennant and Don Howard won first place and \$1,000 in the Miami Volunteer Fire Department's Steak Cooking Contest.

Rusty Early, president of the Miami Chamber of Commerce,



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Steve Anderson



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Kreed Heiskell, Kutter Gill and Austin Breeding show their award winning talent that resulted in the top three places in the boys' division of the annual National Cow Calling in Miami.

said they would donate \$500, cooking contest. The second place team in the an amount equal to what they steak cooking contest, the Kelton won, to the Miami Volunteer Fire Volunteer Fire Department, Department.

Saturday's annual events were held beneath warm blue skies in

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Miami's city park with temperatures pushing the century mark.

Local residents voice concerns at 'town meeting' gressman. "The approval ratings RANDY PRIBBLE of Congress are the lowest they rpribble@thepampanews.com have ever been. The President's approval rating has dropped a lot For close to 1 1/2 hours Saturday morning, U. S. Rep. Mac not anywhere close to Congress Thornberry (R-13th District) fieldbut it has dropped a lot. "I voted no on pretty much every ed questions and mediated comments on subjects ranging from major thing that the majority and border security/immigration to the President have tried to do, from energy policy and the effects of the stimulus bill, healthcare, global warming, financial regulation - on Approximately 50 people attendall of these things. ed the meeting, held at 10 a.m. "But it is not enough to vote in the M. K. Brown room of the no and talk about what you are Pampa Chamber of Commerce against. It is also important to talk about what you are for. I think Thornberry said the meeting and Republicans, in the House at least, others like it being held across the realize that we lost the trust of the country by elected officials, were American people in 2006 and that part of an organized effort to listen is how control of Congress was lost." to public opinion about national Thornberry said Republicans are "People all around the country now making a "real effort to listen are incredibly frustrated and angry to what people want" and he cited about what has been happening THORNBERRY cont. on page 3 in Washington," said the con-

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Rep. Mac Thornberry (center) listens to a comment by Dr. Joe Donaldson of Pampa (standing, right) .

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staff photo by David Bowser Cooling off on a hot day, a contestant drives into the mud Saturday during the High Plains Off Road Seventh Annual Mud Bog at Recreation Park.

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Mudboggers gather at Recreation Park

DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com Their vehicles were muddy but unbowed.

The nine class winners in the Saturday's Mud Bog at Recreation Park came from across the panhandle. Entries ranged from Midland to Oklahoma.

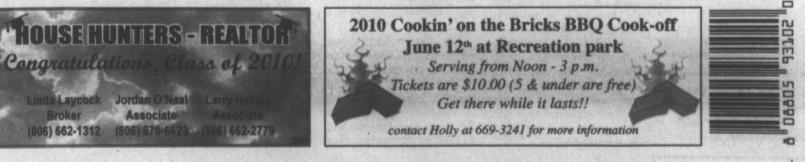
Eric Freelen of Pampa won the 31 and under/Street Stock Class. Don Webb of White Deer was second. Clay White of Mobeetie was third.

Colby Smith of Pampa won the 33 and under stock class. Larry Wainscott of Lefors was second. Tom Nizlak of Amarillo was third.

Brandon Parsley of Lefors won the 33 and under modified class. Jim Hastings of Hereford was second. Salina Hastings of Pampa was third.

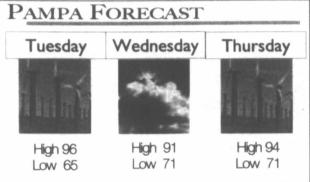
Tami Freelen of Pampa won the 35 to 37 stock class. Jeff Sober of Panhandle was second. Toni Burris

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Monday, June 7, 2010 — The Pampa News

For the record



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind 15 to 20 mph becoming east northeast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

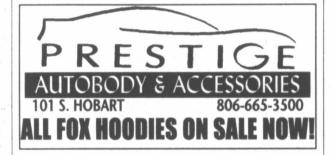
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 91. East wind around 10 mph.

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

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Windv. with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Higher ed leaders concerned about possible cuts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) provide. Additional budget cuts

The state's \$1.1 billion

Obituaries

Elva Lee Bogle Lewis, 77

PAMPA—Elva Lee Bogle Lewis, 77, died June 4, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside service will be 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 in Dodson Cemetery in Dodson with Pastor Jimmye Cole, officiating. Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Pampa with Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lewis was born July 13, 1932 in Hollis, Okla. to Jess Truman Bogle and Bertha Walker Bogle. She was raised by her maternal aunt, Bernice Walker Bogle. She graduated from Dodson High

torian of her class. On October 1, 1950, she married William Herschel Lewis of Wellington. She was a homemaker and mother of four daughters. She was known for her cooking, fine needlework, woodcarving, gardening, and artwork. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother, and a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and her step-mother.

Survivors include her husband, William Herschel Lewis of the home; one sister, Mary Lou Brown of Santa Maria, Calif.; four daughters, Nancy

School in 1950, saluta- Jane Landry and husband Rivest, Wendy Ruth Cole and husband Rev. Jim Cole all of Pampa, Molly Ann Benson and husband Roy of Mt. Pleasant, and Amy Denise Dyer and husband Bill of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Jason Paul Landry of Dallas, Bryan Keith Landry of Fort Worth, Sarah Ellen Landry of New Orleans, La., Amanda Lee Garcia of Elkhart, Kan., James Adam Cole of Venus, William Aaron Benson of Dallas, Jesse Andrew Benson of Mesquite, and B.J. Dyer of Amarillo; seven greatgrandchildren, Christopher D. Garcia, Anjelica Garcia, Noah Esparza, Adrian Cole, Gage Cole, Clayton Cole and Mason Landry.



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Memorials may be made to Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

The family will receive friends Monday, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jackie Kay Powell Simpson, 61

LEFORS—Jackie Kay Powell Simpson, 61, died June 3, 2010 in Lefors.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Bob Banks officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Simpson was born to Jack and Jody Powell on September 29, 1948 in Groom. She has lived in the panhandle area most of her life, the last 14 years has been in Lefors. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 6 years, and also worked various positions at Albertson's for many years. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, gardening, and being with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Powell.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Simpson of the home; two daughters, Dawna Hearon and husband Vincent of Pampa, and Robin McCullough and husband Jake of

Gruver; one son, Chris Homer and wife Gracie of Amarillo; two stepdaughters, Heather Simpson of Dallas and Heidi Klein of Mineola; her mother, Jody Powell of Panhandle; one sister, Margaret Milam of Pampa; three grandchildren, Isaiah Homer, Hunter Homer, and Logan McCullough; one niece, Le Arnn and one nephew, Tom Milam; several great nieces, nephews, and her loving biker family.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.



Simpson

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.



PAMPA—Kathy Lynn 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 8,

September 26, 1956 in Pampa; three brothers, Wallace, 53, died June 5, Pampa where she lived Joe Lance of Minnesota, most of her life. She mar- James Bramer of Amarillo, ried Larry Wallace in 1990. and Kent McLaughlin of She attended Bible Baptist Mobeetie; and her mother,

proposed for state agencies have some college and universities freezing hiring, deferring equipment purchases, scaling back travel and worrying whether financial aid for students will be affected.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday that the prospect of an additional reduction has some higher education leaders concerned.

"It couldn't come at a worse time, because we're experiencing record double-digit enrollment growth," said Rey Garcia, president of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. "If the state's not going to pay for the cost of enrollment growth, we may not be able to grow, and we may have to abandon the state's goal of more access to higher education."

Texas leaders on May 28 asked state agencies to lower their next twoyear funding requests by 10 percent, in preparation for review by the 2011 Legislature. Lawmakers who convene in January face a budget shortfall of up to \$18 billion.

State leaders on May 18 ordered to agencies, with some exceptions, was to immediately cut their budgets by 5 percent, implementing recommendations that state agencies in January were asked to

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student financial aid program was spared from the under the direction of 5 percent cuts, but its fate Carmichael-Whatley for the proposed 10 per- Funeral Directors. cent reductions is pending.

'We're trying to get that answered right now," said Andy Kesling, a spokesman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "I wouldn't assume one way or the other."

Allison Castle, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, says he has always believed in making higher education more accessible, affordable and accountable.

"Requesting information about the impact of additional reductions is part of keeping state government accountable to taxpayers and ensuring we continue to live within our means. This is the first step in a yearlong process, and agencies have been asked to submit their proposals for leadership and lawmakers to consider," Castle said.

Texas State University has frozen staff hiring and is cutting back on travel as it begins to develop a plan for a 10 percent cut, said Bill Nance, vice president for finance and support services.

Austin Community College has been deferring repairs and equipment purchases.

University of Texas President William Powers Jr., in an e-mail Friday, said he will consult with faculty and staff regarding how to proceed with plans for the possibility of deeper budget cuts.

"Merit raises remain a high priority and we will do our best to preserve them," Powers said.

Jason Cook, a spokesman for Texas A&M, said meetings will take place with faculty, administrators and campus groups to put together the university's budget-trimming recommendations.

2010 at Fairview Cemetery

Mrs. Wallace was born

Church. Survivors include her husband, Larry Wallace of the home; one daughter, Dombee Phillips of

Mary Phylis Boxford and husband Sonny of Borger.





Roy Don Perry, 61

PAMPA-Roy Don Perry, 61, died June 6, 2010 in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mae Conner, 63

Mae Conner, 63, of Bryan, passed away Friday, June 4, 2010, at St. Joseph Regional Health Center. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, June 7, at Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan. Funeral services are set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, at Calvary Baptist Church in Bryan, with Rev. David Murphy officiating. Interment will follow at Restever Memorial Park in Bryan.

Mae was born April 17. 1947, in Foster, Okla., to Albie and Lillie Mae Dennis. On January 17, 1974, Mae married her

husband, Layne Conner. She worked for SourceNet Solutions in College Station. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bryan, and she was also a Patched member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA).

She was preceded in death by her mother, and her son, Tommy David Conner.

Survivors include her husband of 36 years, Layne Conner, of Bryan; sons and daughter-in-law, Tim and Sheril Conner, of Albuquerque, N.M., John Conner, and Jesse Conner, both of Bryan; daughter,

Mayla Arreola, of Bryan; father, Alvie Dennis, of Pampa; brothers, Dwight Dennis and Aldo Dennis, both of Pampa; sisters, Barbara Grissom, of Houston, Wilma Parks, of Houston, Darlene Cotton, of Amarillo, Deanie. Dennis, of Pampa, Pat McCain, of Burleson; sister-in-law, LaDee George, of Ft. Worth; eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Serving as Pall Bearers are Kevin Keefer, C.L. Keefer, Dexter Mickens, Albert Pasciuti, Roger Youngblood, and Brent Clary.



Conner

Memorials may sent CMA (Christian to Motorcyclists Association) at PO Box 445, Bryan, TX 77806.

Please leave condolences at www.CallawayJones. com.

Electric rate increase on Pampa City Commission agenda

The Pampa City Commission will consider suspending the effective date for Southwestern Public Service's rate increase for 90 day when the commission meets this week.

The electric utility that serves Pampa filed for an increase of its base rate of \$62 million. It would mean a monthly increase in the base rate of about \$9.31 in the summer and \$11.71 in the winter over

current base rates. That's an 16 percent increase in the summer and a 24 percent increase in the winter. SPS officials said that would translate into an increase of about \$5.60 to \$7.00 per month in residential rates.

City officials said that the extra time is needed because of the voluminous amount of material that must be reviewed by city staff.

In other business, the

city commission will hear on first reading supplemental regulations to city ordinances concerning front yard parking.

They will also consider lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, for a communication antenna on the Foster Street water tower.

The commission will also consider authorizing Pampa's Public Works on the second floor of city Director to expand the "hall at 4 p.m. Tuesday. city's seal coating next

month. The money for the project will come from the funds already approved by the city commission for seal coating. The bid, however, was less than the amount approved. The city wants to take the excess and apply it to the expanded project.

Pampa The City Commission will meet in the commission chambers

Thornberry

several websites design to gauge public opinion.

Among them is http:// republicanwhip.house.gov/ YouCut/.

"Every week five issues are floated on the site for people to vote on," he explained. "The following week, House Republicans try to offer bills to actually cut them."

Rep. Thornberry handed out comment cards for people to fill out to give him feedback during the meeting and to sign up for emails from his office. He also cited http://www.

americaspeakingout.com/ as a way for people to join the national dialogue on a wide variety of issues.

"All of this is part of listening to the ideas that people have and in trying to have a positive agenda," he told the crowd.

The following are some highlights from the town meeting - comments on various issues and how Rep. Thornberry responded:

On the comment, 'There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of agreement on anything in Washington."

"I think that is true. One of the reasons President Obama won an election two years ago is because ... he promised a different tone. From where I sit, there has been zero effort to work with Republicans on healthcare, energy, financial regulation and they just insist on pushing an agenda that I just strongly believe is bad for the country."

On comment a "wobbly-kneed about **Republicans.**"

"We had a defense bill come of the Armed Services Committee two weeks ago. It wasn't exactly how I would have written it, but the vote was 59-0. So there was a considerable amount of bi-partisan agreement. Then it went to the floor last week and they added the repeal

immigration policy and the need to "control our borders" for "national security and national identity."

"I think controlling who and what comes across your border is the responsibility of every country and if you can't (do that) all these other issues related to immigration really don't matter. The Bush administration really did not want to do a lot and some of us in Congress actually forced them to ... double the size of the border patrol and put more money into technologies that can help guard the border (and required some more of the border fence to be built). The Obama administration is not going to build the last section of that fence. We can force an administration to do things if we have the votes to do it.

"The rest of the story is that people can get fed up and do things on their own. That is what has happened in Arizona. If the Federal Government is not going to enforce the law, the people of Arizona have said, then by gosh we will. Something like 70 percent of the people of Arizona support it, a majority of people around the country support it, and you saw the Obama administration react somewhat by saying they are going to send 1,200 National Guardsmen. That is not going to fix the problem, but at least they understand they are on the wrong side of public opinion on this issue.

"I think there will be vote in the next couple of months – in the House at least - on immigration reform. It will be on, let's call it amnesty for people who are already here illegally, but there were several House Democrats who said they would not vote for the healthcare bill unless they were guaranteed a vote in an immigration bill this year. That doesn't mean it will go all the way through the Senate and get passed by the President. "When it comes up obviously we will try to (steer it towards border security issues) at that time." "One of the things that we passed after 9/11, that the states fussed about, was minimum requirements for driver's licenses. One of the things was that they were going to have to have databases so they could talk to one another so you could see if this person has a driver's license in another state. Some of the 9/11 hijackers had multiple driver's licenses from different states and were not in the country legally. They had overstayed their visas. "Some people are opposed to it. Recently the Obama administration has delayed implementation of that. It is called the "Real ID Act." Too many states are worse than Texas - it is too easy to get

one. And by the way, in Arizona if you show a driver's license, that is in and of itself evidence that you are in the country legally and the police officer has to back off."

"The situation on the border has deteriorated tremendously with drug violence. I've actually had trouble finding words to describe the level of violence; the atrocities going on down there and I'm really surprised more of it has not spilled over.

On a comment about English as an official language of the United States.

"I've always been for English as the official language of the United States.

"Part of the strength of the United States is that people have come here from all over the world and have brought their individual perspectives with them. The danger is that we have to keep the things that unite us stronger than the things that divide us. One of the things that unite us the strongest is English as our language. Every parent knows that for their kids to succeed they have to learn English.

"Now I want my kids to learn other languages, too.'

On Texas Gov. Rick Perry's stance on immigration issues.

'The honest answer is that I don't follow what the Governor says. I think he said he was against the Arizona (measure), but then I heard something on the radio.... I'm not qualified to say exactly what his position is. But again, most people in the country say if you are going to have a law, it ought to be enforced. If you are not going to enforce it, then get rid of it."

On the question, "What effect will the BP oil spill in the gulf have on oil and energy policy and would we have been better off if, 40 years ago, we had developed a standard nuclear (power plant) design?

this spill. It may be a kind of 'cap and trade bill' as before. There are also a number of tax provisions that independent oil and gas people get, they are wanting to take away I think they will do whatever they can to capitalize on this incident.

On the comment, "Can you folks up there (in Congress) at least cut spending?"

"The 'you folks' who are up there now, no, they are not going to cut spending. As a matter of fact, they have all kinds of ideas on how to spend more another stimulus bill....

"I protest, I guess, if you put everybody in the same boat. Every morning I get up, I am 80 votes behind; there are 80 more Democrats in the House than there are Republicans. So I've got to convince at least 40 Democrats and all the wobbly-kneed Republicans. I don't have all the answers as to how we are going to pay back the gigantic amount of debt that has just been added in the last 18 months. It was too bad before, I agree, but the last 18 months has been unbelievable.

"What I do know is that if you are in a hole, stop digging. That is the first step.

"Anybody who thinks that (the situation in Greece) is something that can't happen here, just hasn't looked at the numbers. It's scary."

On a comment about grounds for impeachment or "treason" against the President.

"I don't know of anything like that and I honestly think if you try to push something like that it takes attention away from the real, the serious issues we have been talking about, immigration and deficit and so forth, which is really what we need to keep the focus on."

On a comment about borrowing money from foreign governments, then giving foreign aid to countries "who don't like you and vote against us whenever they can."

"I think the number is 43 percent of everything the government is going to spend this year is borrowed. Foreign aid is roughly one percent of the total budget. Of course, the one percent is billions of dollars and some of it is wasted.

"If there is a typhoon that wipes out part of a country, it is partly our food aid that keeps people alive.

"There are some instances where it can be in our national interest, but I don't disagree at all with the idea that most foreign aid is ... wasted."

On a comment about healthcare and Medicare

"The healthcare bill cut \$600 billion out of Medicare. We've talked about the problems that Social Security has - people living longer, Baby Boom generation, all that - Medicare is even more serious. To take \$600 billion out of Medicare...is just ridiculous; close to a crime.

"A second issue is that several years ago a formula was passed, that Congress has been delaying, delaying, delaying, and if it is allowed to go into effect, will cut Medicare payments to doctors by about 21 percent. It is ridiculous. Doctors will just quit seeing Medicare patients or quit altogether.

"It is getting harder to find doctors who will take Medicare now.

"This will be an issue next week when we go into session, because I think

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even Democrats realize that if we allow that 21 percent cut to go into effect that there will be people up in arms.... I think we will figure out a way not to let it happen, but in the meantime we are jerking doctors around '

On the comment, "We aren't living in the U.S. anymore."

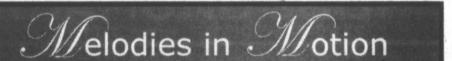
'Yeah, we are. There is a lot of this stuff that is discouraging and frustrating, but the bright spots are that people are paying more attention and I believe that things will start turning around this year."

On upcoming midterm elections.

"Part of our responsibility is to show people that Republicans have learned a lesson from the mistakes that we have made in the past, especially on spending too much on earmarks. That's part of why there is an extra effort being made to listen to people and engage people with things like this. The head Republican in the House, John Boehner of Ohio, has said explicitly if we are given a chance as the majority in the House again, not only are we going to do it differently than the Democrats do, we are going to do it differently than the way Republicans used to do.

"I think peoples' tolerance - I worry about this a little bit, by the way – is about this much (between his thumb and forefinger). If Republicans have the chance to set an agenda in at least one branch of Congress, expectations will be really high. What I worry about is that one House of Congress does not get out laws.

"People are going to be watching really closely, and they should."



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of 'Don't ask, don't tell', so gays can serve openly in the military. A number of other things got put on the bill, so that when it came out of the full House, it was very much a party-line vote.

"It went from Republicans and Democrats all supporting it, to adding these controversial issues - trying to do social policy, I think, on the military's back - then it became a much more partisan issue and partisan vote. "Some people want me

and other Republicans to be louder and uglier...in debates.... What I've got to keep in mind is how can I keep those wobbly Republicans and try to get some of those more moderate Democrats to vote for us. ...Louder doesn't necessarily make you more persuasive.... And some of these votes have been very close."

On a comment about

"Absolutely and now they are trying to do that - to say that if you build it this way the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will automatically approve it and therefore speed up that approval process. It is just a matter of common sense. We should have done it a long time ago.

"A year ago the House passed a global warming bill. The Senate has introduced one, but has never been able to pass it. Nearly everybody would say that the global warming bill was dead until this spill.

"Obama has been trying to say, 'This just proves that oil and gas is bad,' and you are already seeing the arguments start. I think there will be more of a momentum to pass a global warming, anti-oil and gas, fossil fuel bill because of

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Last defendant to be sentenced for Texas smuggling deaths HOUSTON (AP) - The

last defendant in an illegal immigrant smuggling attempt in Texas that left 19 people dead faces sentencing in Houston.

Sentencing was scheduled Monday for Octavio Torres-Ortega of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, over his role in the deadliest human

smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

Torres-Ortega in 2008 pleaded guilty to conspiring to harbor and transport aliens illegally in the United States resulting in death and serious bodily injury. Prosecutors say the victims were in a sweltering tractor-trailer abandoned near Victoria in May 2003.

Torres-Ortega, who was among 14 people indicted, could get life in prison.

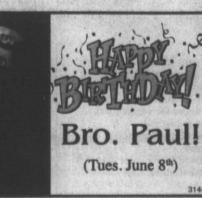
Trucker Tyrone Williams was sentenced to life in prison. Others indicted have been convicted, pleaded guilty or had the charges dismissed.

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Letters to the editor

Reflections on Memorial Day Services

What beautiful services I attended ... to honor the men and women that have fought for our freedom and for the one's who have lost their lives in doing so. The only thing that disappointed me about all three services was that they were not packed with people!

Is it that Pampa people don't know the meaning of "Memorial Day," other than it means a long weekend to go to the lake or for cookouts, or do they just don't care?

What I saw were veterans standing up and honoring the men and women who did not survive in the battlefields where they fought so hard to have the country we have today.

I saw an 83-year-old WWII veteran standing at attention with the sun beating down on him holding a heavy rifle waiting to do the 21 gun salute. He began to weaken, but he never gave up, just like he never gave up years and years ago for our country.

I heard a story from a Vietnam veteran about a war buddy named "professor" who carried a game of chess in his pocket and got it out in the battlefield in hopes that a game of chess would ease the tension of

the soldiers fighting for their lives. Fighting back tears, his

story went on to say "pro-fessor" lost his life in a minefield. Along with the professor, the troop also lost the only sanity they had - the chess game.

To the people who went to at least one Memorial Day service, thank you.

For the people who did not attend, I hope that next year there there may be one hour out of your long weekend that you could get to a memorial service and remember the people who have made it possible for us to have a holiday weekend.

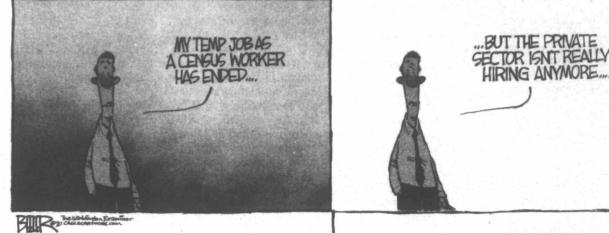
And for the one's who honored Memorial Day and lowered their flags to half staff at 9 a.m. until noon, thank you.

For those who did not think it was important - it is important to ur veterans, and for our fallen soldiers' families!

As for me, I will continue to support my heros.

I am so proud of this country that we live in and the freedom that we have.

> **Nelda Martin** VFW Post 1657 **Auxiliary President**



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Unfinished budget business faces returning Congressional leaders

ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -Congressional Democrats returning this week to the Washington they control will confront an embarrassing pile of unfinished budget business after spending the winter and spring blowing deadline after deadline. With many Democratic

lawmakers running for their political lives five months before the fall elections, even relatively simple tasks such as helping the jobless and preventing cuts in Medicare payments to doctors are hanging victims of the ever increasing anxiety over annual trillion-dollar-plus deficits. A war funding bill is long overdue. The most basic chore of writing a budget has been all but abandoned. There's no sign of the 12 annual spending bills for keeping government agencies open four months from now. On the horizon is the dilemma of what to do about renewing a long roster of tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush. They're due to expire two months after the November election. Lawmakers will be under tremendous pressure to act in September or October. Based on the record so far, it won't be smooth - and might not get done before Election Day. Efforts to pass a nonbinding blueprint that sketches out fiscal goals have stalled in the House. Moderate "Blue Dog" Democrats have demanded spending cuts beyond President Barack Obama's proposed freeze on domestic agency operating budgets. House leaders and the liberal core of the party are resisting. The most painful budget questions - where and how to raise taxes or cut popular benefit programs, or both - were handed them off to bipartisan fiscal commission, which many budget experts believe is unlikely to succeed in coming up with a deficit-cutting plan. "Every family knows that in tough times, a budget is even more important not less important," said House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio. "A \$13 trillion national debt is an alarm bell and a wake-

up call together, and it demands more than just lip service."

It's hardly the first time that Congress won't have passed a budget resolution, but Democrats were harshly critical of Republicans' failures to do so in the past.

"If you can't budget, you can't govern," Rep. John Spratt Jr., D-S.C., now the House Budget Committee chairman, said when the **GOP-controlled** Congress failed to produce a budget in 2006.

Unemployment benefits for hundreds of thousands of long-term jobless workers have been interrupted three times this year because Congress failed to meet self-imposed dead-

be signed by Obama. Extending Bush's tax

cuts sounds a lot easier than done, especially in the face of record deficits. Obama wants to renew them -except for families making more than \$250,000 per year and individuals making more than \$200,000. He would raise their taxes. But most Democrats never voted for the Bush tax cuts. Recent moves by House Democrats to scrap billions of dollars for Medicaid and health insurance subsidies for the unemployed - after voting for them in December -

provide evidence of how those worries over the deficit have intensified. "It's pretty obvious that

think they're going to extend the Bush tax cuts The deficit's too big.'

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There's been no sign this year of the 12 annual appropriations bills that usually dominate Congress' summer schedule. Last year the House passed all 12 before the summer recess in August. This year because there's no budget in place, lawmakers have yet to set bottom-line figures for working back to figure out much each agency and program car spend in the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

Moderate Democrats and the party's more liberal leaders are divided Congress may end up bundling most of the bills into

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Today's Highlights in History:

Today is Monday, June 7, the 158th day of 2010.

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia

In 1753, Britain's King George II gave his assent

In 1769, frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came

to an Act of Parliament establishing the British

proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution

calling for American independence from Britain.

In 1937, actress Jean Harlow died in Los Angeles at age 26.

In 1939, King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, arrived at Niagara Falls, N.Y., from Canada on the first visit to the United States by a reigning British monarch.

In 1948, the Communists completed their takeover of Czechoslovakia with the resignation of President Edvard Benes.

In 1970, English author E.M. Forster died in Coventry at 91

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was chained to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death for the crime; a third received life.)

Ten years ago: U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ordered the breakup of Microsoft Corp., declaring the software giant should be split into two because it had "proved untrustworthy in the past"; Microsoft vowed to appeal. (An appeals court later threw out the breakup order; the Justice Department, under the Bush administration, said it would no longer seek a breakup of Microsoft.)

Five years ago: President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, meeting at the White House, embraced a tentative plan to forgive the debt of poor African nations. General Motors chairman Rick Wagoner announced plans to close plants and eliminate 25,000 manufacturing jobs in the United States by 2008.

One year ago: Extreme-right parties gained in European parliamentary elections, including the first seats won by the all-white British National Party. Roger Federer completed a career Grand Slam, winning his first French Open title by sweeping surprise finalist Robin Soderling 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 82. Actress Virginia McKenna is 79. Singer Tom Jones is 70. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 67. Actor Ken Osmond ("Leave It to Beaver") is 67. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 64. Actress Anne Twomey is 59. Actor Liam Neeson is 58. Actress Colleen Camp is 57. Singer-songwriter Johnny Clegg is 57. Author Louise Erdrich is 56. Actor William Forsythe is 55. Record producer L.A. Reid is 54. Latin pop singer Juan Luis Guerra is 53. Singer-songwriter Prince is 52. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 47. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 44. Rock musician Dave Navarro is 43. Actor Karl Urban is 38. Actress Anna Torv (TV: "Fringe") is 31. Actress Larisa Oleynik is 29. Tennis player Anna Kournikova is 29. Actor Michael Cera is 22. Actress Shelley Buckner is 21.

Thought for Today: "The history of the world shows that when a mean thing was done, man did it; when a good thing was done, man did it." - Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer and statesman (1833-1899).

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lines for renewing them. Delays in passing a catchall bill for extending those benefits, popular tax breaks and safety net programs through the election appear to have cost governors \$24 billion in federal help with their Medicaid budgets.

The Medicaid money had won passage earlier in the House and Senate, then got dumped last month after protests from Democratic moderates unhappy about voting for higher deficits. Democratic leaders also were forced to drop a \$7 billion extension of a program providing generous health insurance subsidies to the jobless.

"I just wasn't willing to vote for a lot of stuff ... that while good and urgent, should be paid for," said freshman Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn.

To be sure, Democrats spent much of their time and attention early in the year on passing Obama's health care overhaul, which promises to have a far greater long-term impact on fiscal policy and political debates.

Republicans have been relentlessly on the attack, offering up mostly smallbore ideas for cutting spending. Like Democrats. most Republicans have steered clear of politically risky topics such as cutting Medicare and other benefit programs.

Democratic leaders are optimistic that the unemployment insurance measure and its many companion elements will pass Congress this month and

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ily reflect those of The Pampa News or its staff.

the Democrats are in a mass panic over the deficit," said GOP tax expert Ken Kies of the Federal Policy Group. "I don't

a giant stack and pass them as a catchall measure during a postelection lameduck session.



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PHS soccer raises funds for program with tournament

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The Pampa Soccer program raised money by hosting a 3-on-3 tournament at Travis Elementary Saturday.

Head Soccer Coach John True said it was a great turnout.

"We had a lot of teams and it was a good soccer fundraiser," True said.

This was the third year the soccer program has put

on this fundraiser. This year they had 35 to 40 teams sign up. True said the money will help the program in a lot of ways.

"It will help with tournament travel and upkeep of facilities," True said. "That's why we did this tournament."

Teams ranged from U6 to high school. The U6 teams received participant medals and the top three teams in U8 through high

school received trophies. True said they hope they can continue the tournament.

"It was a great community event," True said. "A lot of people got to showcase their teams and it was a great opportunity to play soccer. It brought the community together. We had teams from Borger and Amarillo play in the tournament."





staff photo by Andrew Glover Olga Garcia chases a lose ball in the 3-on-3 tournament Saturday at Travis Elementary. The tournament was put on by the Pampa High School soccer program.

Pampa 16-18 Babe Ruth team loses opener vs. Borger

ANDREW GLOVER

aglover@thepampanews.com Pampa opened the 16-18 Babe Ruth season with a

two thirds innings

six hits, walked one and at bats. Mitch Simon went struck out eight in five and two-for-three with two sinone third innings. James gles and Thompson was Thompson pitched the final one-for-three with a triple. Pampa is coached by Brady Eakin and continued its season against Palo Duro Saturday.

staff photo by Andrew Glover Mitch Kelly attempts a shot on goal Saturday at Travis Elementary. The Pampa High School soccer team put on the tournament to raise money.



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5-0 loss to Borger Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Garrett Ericson was Pampa's starting pitcher and allowed five runs on and struck out four. Cole Engle was one of the leading hitters with a

double and single in three

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Mitch Kelly tracks down a loose ball in the 3-on-3 tournament Saturday. The Pampa High School soccer team put on the program to raise money.

Glo-Valve Service run rules Cabot

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA News

Glo-Valve Service pounded out 12 hits in four innings to run rule Cabot Corporation 12-2 Friday to close out its regular season in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Brendon Woelfle started Glo-Valve's onslaught in the first inning rifling a single down the left field line and scored on a sacrifice fly by Colton Thompson. Ryan Lee followed with a double to left center field and scored when Zach Hill grounded out. Garrett Ely kept the rally going with a single to left and scored on a double by Justin Beck.

Cabot got one run back in the bottom of the first on a single by Ryan Roden, two stolen bases and a hot box escape for the score.

In the third Thompson led off with a single for Glo-Valve. He stole second and scored on a double by Lee. A throwing error scored Lee and Hill reached third on the play. Hill scored beating a throw home and Ely reached first on a sacrifice bunt. Ely scored after two wild pitches and a single by Bryce Parker. Jason Velasquez singled on a bunt, and Michael Mechelay singled drving in Parker. A double by Woelfle plated Velasquez. Another double by Thompson scored both Mechelay and Woelfle. Glo-Valve led 11-1 In the top of the fourth, Ely

was hit by a pitch. When Beck grounded out, Ely scored. In the bottom of the

fourth, Nate Furgason walked and scored on a triple by Bryson Burrell.

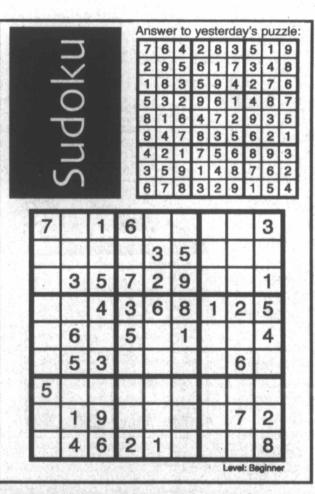
Woelfle, Lee, Thompson and Parker were the leading hitters for Glo-Valve. Lee doubled twice, scored twice and had one RBI. Woelfle had two hits, two runs and one RBI. Thompson had a single, a double, a run scored and three RBI for Glo-Valve. Bryce Parker had two hits, a run and one RBI.

Burrell's RBI triple and Roden's single were the only hits for Cabot.

Thompson picked up the win allowing one run, one hit and one walk in one inning while striking out one. Woelfle pitched two perfect innings striking out five. Lee allowed one run, one hit and one walk with a strikeout in one inning.

A double elimination City Tournament begins Thursday. The Pampa Optimist

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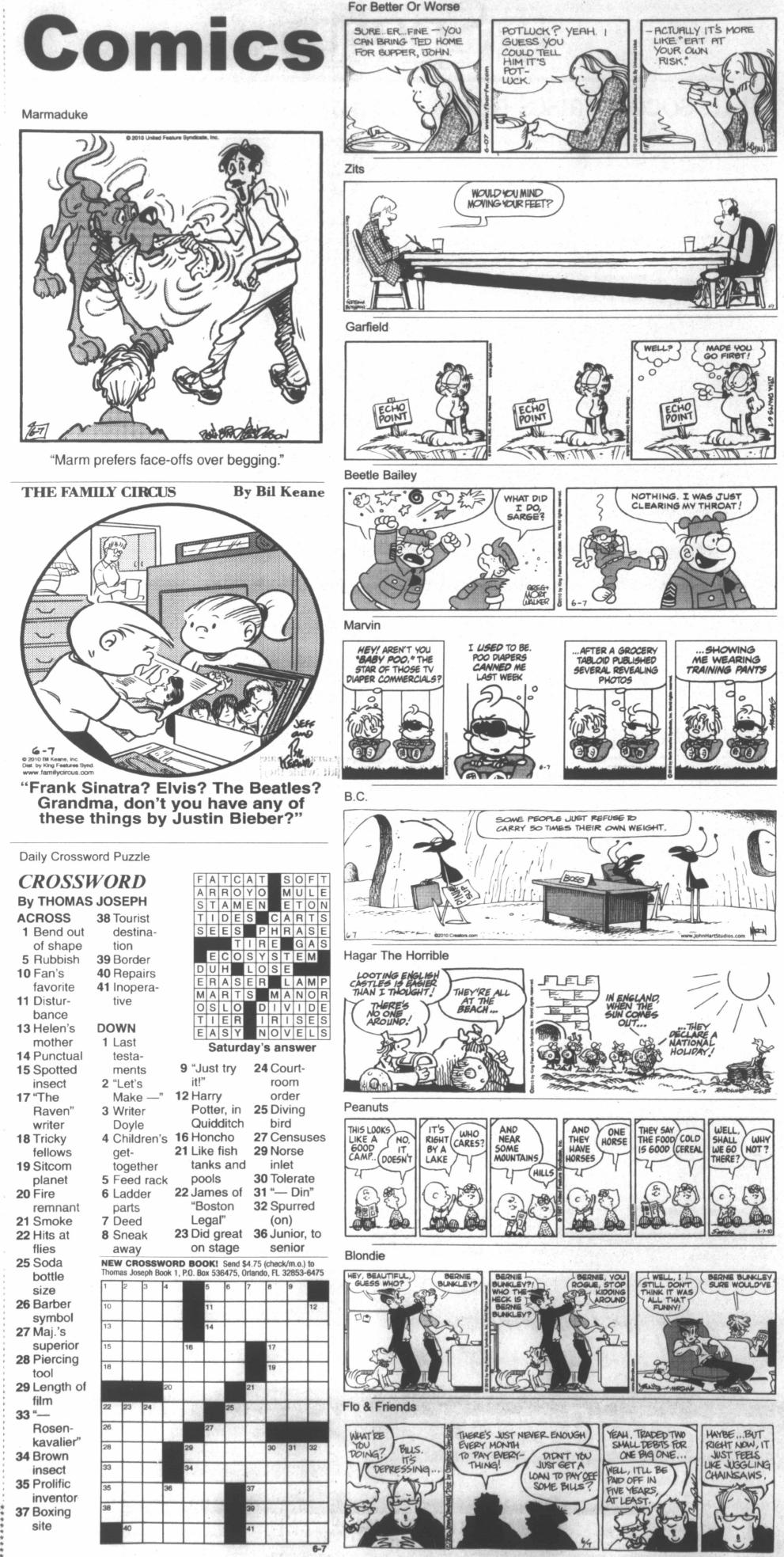




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Daily Horoscopes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 8, 2010:

This year, when you least expect to achieve your desired results, the unexpected occurs and drops what you want into your lap. Because of the manner in which this event occurs, you might not witness this fact until later. Sometimes you could be stressed out. What might be important is establishing a habit or hobby that helps you relax. If you are single, though you easily could be taken with someone - and he or she with you don't count on this bond being long-term until it is. An element of surprise runs through your days. If you are attached, your mate could have a difficult time adjusting to all the quirky happenings in your life. TAURUS makes a great healer.

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)

**** Odd as it might seem, you surprise yourself with a newfound rashness this morning. You respond to a different drummer. By midday, it is business as usual. In sync mentally and emotionally, you could make a strong impression. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Understanding evolves to a new level if you spend the a.m. observing. You could be stunned. Understanding more, once you decide to take the lead in the p.m., others encounter your strong energy and charge ahead. Tonight: Pursue a vacation idea. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You are full of fun and excitement.

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impression on anyone - you will anyway. A meeting provides a lot to think about. Do just that before acting. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** How you think you will deal with someone and how you really deal with this person could be dramatically different. Your high energy comes

through in the afternoon, when a new path is forged. Make sure it is the winning path. Tonight: Living it up. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Use your adventuresome mind

to find unusual and effective solutions. Though many people would run when they hit a blunder in their path, you will not. Your competence comes through an innate resourcefulness. Tonight: Could be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Keep pushing to meet someone halfway. You could be overwhelmed by a change in someone's tune. What seemed great in the morning becomes impossible in the afternoon. You could be taken aback by this change. Stay centered; look at the big picture. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** The smart move is to do nothing and let others play out their agendas. You'll come out ahead of the game if you just observe. An important discussion is best had in the afternoon. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Focus especially in the a.m. on the job at hand. The sum total of recent stress might be taking more of a toll on you

than you initially thought. Try to schedule a light and easy afternoon. Tonight: Sort through invitation

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> SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Your creativity peaks in the morning. You actually might not be able to come up with a solution in the afternoon, to your surprise, and others' as well. Do relax with the moment. Let others show off their interpersonal skills. Tonight: Try to make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You are the snail this morning, but by the afternoon, you become the hare. Someone close might be impossible to stop. No matter what, you dodge a problem, and actually might skip over it. Tonight: Let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You could surprise many people, including yourself. Be aware of your internal process and how you are changing. Your darting in new directions reflects this profound depth and transformation. Consider revising some opinions, too. Tonight: Happy to go home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Be sensitive to a tendency to become extravagant and go way overboard. How you deal with others could change radically in the afternoon. Remember your long-term goals, and don't give in to momentary passion. Tonight: Having a good time.

BORN TODAY Singer Nancy Sinatra (1940), hip-hop artist Kanye West (1977), singer Boz Scaggs (1944)

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DEAR ABBY: I am sending along a gift suggestion for Father's Day for the dad who doesn't "need or want anything."

I recently celebrated a major birthday and my four dear adult children, all living in different parts of the country, collaborated electronically to record some of their favorite memories of their years at home -- some humorous, some touching, some surprising. These were written on tiny bits of paper, carefully folded or scrolled and packed into a small wooden box. There were 365 in all, with the expectation that I'd have one a day for a year.

I was so taken with the delight of reading them, however, that I read them all in two weeks! My heart will be warmed for a very long time. — DEAR OLD DAD IN MAINE

DEAR DAD: What a wonderful idea — and bless you for sharing it. Readers, listen up! It's a gift that costs little but time and thought, but is brimming with true meaning.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have done many things over the years to help out our son and daughter-in-law, "Cathy," including sending money, clothing, diapers, food and baby-sitting our grandchildren. Our son expresses appreciation for our help, but Cathy is another matter.

We send clothing for the babies, but there is no acknowledgment that it even arrived. When we take them gifts in person, without a word of thanks she asks if we have the receipts so she can return them.

Cathy will eat or drink in our presence but offer us nothing. She is insensitive, self-centered and often just plain rude. She seems to



sive to you was more than they had planned on spending for their meals or they wouldn't have spoken up. Rather than telling them that it made you uncomfortable, invite another couple whose values more closely mirror your own to accompany you on future excursions.



of Midland was third.

Bobby Paul of Amarillo won the 35 to 37 modified class. Koty K. of Panhandle was second. Chad Winkleblack of Pampa was third.

Rooster Johnson of Fritch won the 38 to 52 modified class. Second place is to be determined. Third place went to Bobby Paul of Amarillo. Koty K. of Panhandle won the super modified class. Mitch Meadows of Miami won second. Payton Cox of Amarillo won third. Koty K. of Panhandle won the open class. Jimmy Martin of Ponca City, Okla. won second place. Rooster Johnson of Fritch was third.

J.R. Winkleblack with the High Plains Off Road Club

that organized the Mud Bog said that in addition to the competitors, the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department did a great job of cooling down the spectators by driving around and spraying the crowed. Temperatures Saturday were pushing the century mark.

Nick Harvill with the High Plains Off Road Club pronounced the Mud Bog cont. from page 1

a success, although it was midnight Saturday before he got home.

The High Plains Off Road Club members were back out of Recreation Park Sunday taking down barriers and cleaning up the site of the Mud Bog. The club has adopted Recreation Park as part of the city's program to keep Pampa Clean.

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PERSONAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY UPDATE New Hearing Aids Are Now Totally Invisible

They provide new technology and appearance.

Sleek and stylish. Spontaneous and active.

The adjectives sound like an ideal romantic partner.

But the description doesn't apply to someone who will hang breathlessly on your every word; rather, it's something that can help you hear virtually every word.

Hearing aid brochures and ads are touting the virtues of the latest technology to counter hearing loss, whether the cause be listening to eardrum-rattling music, side effects of a myriad of prescriptions or simply age.

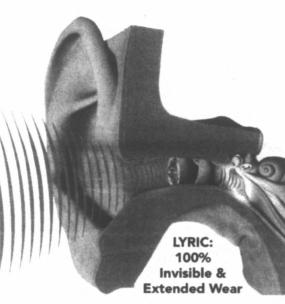
Hearing aids these days can be digital, programmed and remote-controlled. The technology has come a long way from the brass horns that passed for hearing aids in the late 19th century.

With digital processing, sound enters the microphone, is converted into computer code, cleaned up and processed before being fed into the ear – just like taking the scratches out of a vinyl record and making it sound like a CD or MP3 player.

With dual microphones, one microphone listens for speech and lifts it or clarifies it; the other microphone listens for the junk, the background noise, and uses it to muffle it.

VISUAL APPEAL

Besides the difference in what you hear, there's a difference in what you see. Or should I say what you don't see, like in the new Starkey Otolens and the Lyric. Besides the cosmetic difference, the aids are more



comfortable and totally invisible in your ear.

The Otolens from Starkey is custom-fit to your ear canal making it invisible. It comes with a three year factory warranty and a three year supply of batteries (see store for details).

Also available is a new extended wear product called Lyric. It is the world's first 100% invisible hearing device worn 24/7 for up to 4 months at a time, while sleeping, showering, and exercising. There are no batteries to change. There is no daily insertion or removal

INCREASING NEED

OTOLENS:

100%

Invisible &

Custom-Fit

These days, one in six Americans has a hearing loss equal to that of placing a finger in one or both ears, according to a recent Johns Hopkins University study. That's double previous estimates, with the problem growing faster among younger adults, many of whom listen to their iPods and MP3 players with small earbuds worn within the ear and the volume cranked up way too loud.

It's a combination of the baby boomer generation and the iPod generation. For some it's and older have some degree of hearing loss – although not necessarily enough to require hearing aids.

The best way to know if you have a hearing loss is to have your hearing checked by an audiologist or hearing instrument dispenser at least one time per year. You may find that you just have earwax accumulated in your ear, or you may find that you could benefit from the use of hearing aids. A hearing loss is far more noticeable than a hearing aid.

To learn more about these

have no clue about how to be gracious. My wife is near tears at the end of every visit. It drives us nuts to be treated like this.

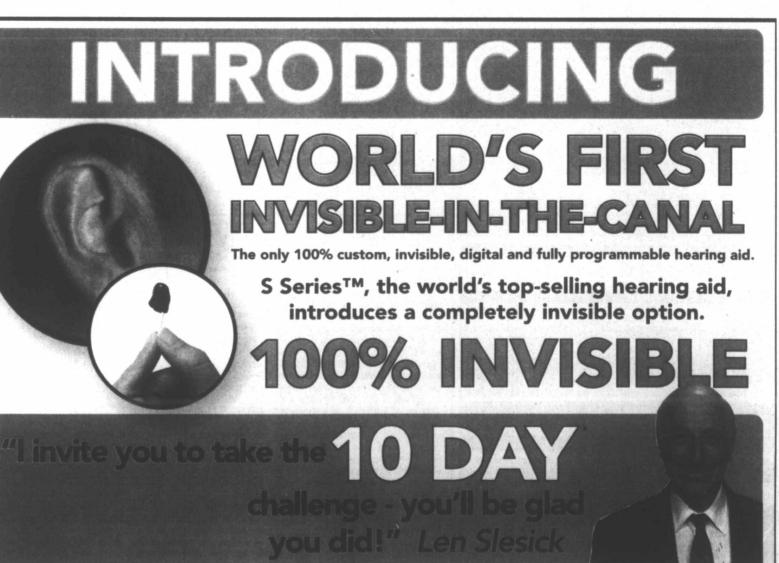
I am afraid our grandchildren will grow up imitating their mother's rude and disrespectful behavior. My wife does not want me to speak with our son about this because she's afraid we'll never see the grandchildren again. Can you give us some guidance as to what we should do? — CLEVELAND READER

DEAR READER: Yes. Speak privately with your son and tell him how hurt his mother is at the treatment she has received. While it's possible that Cathy was raised having learned none of the social graces, it is disconcerting that your son would sit silently by and watch it happen. He should insist that his parents be shown more respect, and if necessary, explain and demonstrate for her exactly what that means.

DEAR ABBY: Several couples recently spent a week together on an excursion with each couple paying for their own lodging and meals. One couple complained at every meal about the cost. These meals were not overly expensive, and the couple can well afford everything they spent.

Is there a kind way to express that the rest of us were not comfortable with this behavior (often the wait staff overheard, and it was embarrassing) or should we just exclude them in the future? — MEALTIME ADVENTURE

DEAR MEALTIME ADVENTURE: This couple may not have the money you assume they have, or they may prefer to spend it in other ways than at restaurants. Obviously, what wasn't overly expenrequired. Lyric is designed to closely mimic the way you hear naturally. Lyric is truly 24/7 hearing with no daily hassles. Lyric is sold on an annual subscription basis. too late, because loud noises have permanently destroyed sensory cells vital to hearing. Moreover, by age 55 hearing generally decreases. About 30 percent of people age 70 types of products, call Livingston Hearing Aid Centers. In Pampa, 701 North Hobart, 1-888-820-6601.



Think hearing aids should be heard, not seen? Then the new S-Series OtoLens by Starkey is for you. OtoLens is the first custom fit invisible-in-the-canal hearing aid, featuring the latest, most advanced technology on the market today — meaning it's completely invisible, and totally designed to fit your lifestyle.

Join us this week for our Open House Wed., June 9th this week at Livingston Audiology & Hearing Aid Center • Learn more about hearing loss • Preview OtoLens, the latest advancement from Starkey • Get a FREE, no-obligation hearing consultation • Save 50% off MSRP if you take the 10 day challenge. • Fully Refundable Security Deposit Required