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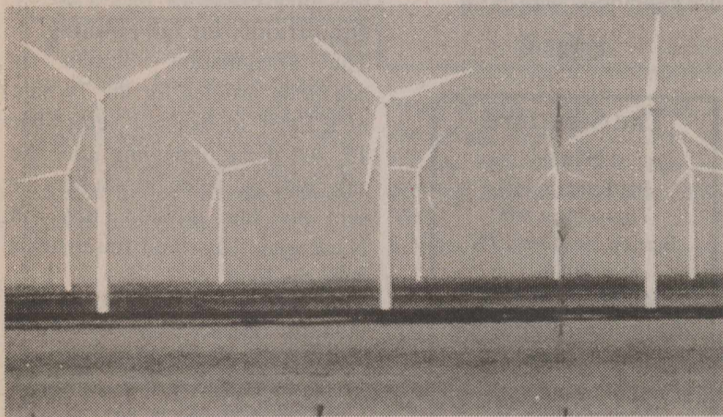
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Wind Power in the Texas Panhandle.
(Photo by Bailey Holubec Naugle)

Wind Projects Generate Electricity, Tax Revenue and Controversy

By Bailey Naugle

The winds that roar across the wide open country of Sherman County, spitting sand and launching tumble weeds are now being utilized to offset the ever-growing demand for electricity.

In early 2006 construction began on two wind projects located east of Stratford.

John Deere Wind Energy, primary owner of the turbines, selected Sherman County as the location for projects JD Wind V and JD Wind VI. Both feature eight 1.25 Megawatt turbines.

According to Sherman County Judge Terri Carter, each turbine generates enough electricity to power 250 to 350 homes. Carter says the projects tie into Xcel Energy's power lines and the electricity is distributed by Xcel. Carter became involved with the wind projects when John Deere Wind Energy applied for county tax abatement, which allows them to pay significantly reduced taxes in the early years of operation and gradually increase that percentage.

Carter explained that tax abatement is an incentive for projects to come to Sherman County and spur economic growth without the county expending money. "This project didn't cost us anything, but it helps the tax base and it is a good use of natural resources," she said.

Each tower is valued at approximately \$1 million. With

16 towers in Sherman County, that increases the tax base by \$16 million. "In theory, a larger tax base lessens what everyone is paying," Carter said.

The abatement reduces the yearly taxes paid on the project for seven years, with 5% being paid for the first three years, 10% in years 4 and 5, and 30% in the sixth and seventh years.

By the eighth year 100% of the taxes will be paid. Based on today's tax rates and without depreciation, that would be \$64,000 per year, said Carter.

A great characteristic of wind energy is that electricity is generated without using any depreciating resources. "It doesn't use any water, coal or oil - only wind," Carter said.

Unfortunately wind is an unreliable source of energy. Insufficient winds prevent the turbines from producing electricity. When the wind is really blowing these machines have impressive defense mechanisms which protect them from excessive winds. According to Carter, the turbines are designed to achieve 16 rotations per minute. If winds cause the rotor to spin too quickly, the blades can "feather" - adjusting themselves to catch less wind, and if needed the turbine will shut itself down, she said.

"You have to consider the inconsistency of wind. If the blades are not turning, it's not producing electricity," Carter pointed out. Because of this factor she believes that wind energy will never completely replace fossil fuels and other energy sources. "It can only be used as a supplement," she said.

Another benefit of these turbines is that they have minimum effects on the land that they occupy, and they take up surprisingly little room. Becky Hemphill from the Sherman County Farm Service Agency estimates that each tower, including roads and the pad, takes up approximately 1.5 acres of land. "I've heard some people complain about them ruining their operations. I just don't see how it can affect an operation - cattle or farming," she said.

Although these towers generate clean energy and have little effect on the land, there are some critics.

The main point of opposition is that the massive structures are "eyesores." Towering at 225 feet with 110 foot long blades, the turbines do tend to interrupt the horizon. The staggering height of the wind turbines has some people worried that they may disrupt air traffic. Rick Ranspot has been a pilot for 37 years, and he feels that the towers are not a danger to aviation. "You are supposed to stay above 1,000 feet when you fly. Cell phone towers are a bigger hazard to aviation because they are harder to see." Another concern is the effect the turbines have on wildlife, particularly birds. The American Wind Energy Association says the turbines do create a very minor threat to wildlife. "Birds and bats occasionally collide with wind turbines, as they do with other tall structures such as buildings." AWEA studies have found the effect of the turbines on wildlife to be insignificant. "No matter how extensively wind is developed in the future, bird deaths from wind energy are unlikely to ever reach as high as 1% of those from other human-related sources such as hunters, house cats, buildings, and autos."

Despite the negative aspects of the towers, wind energy is becoming increasingly valuable. Our society is looking for ways to protect the environment, so it is not surprising that the number of wind projects is increasing. Sherman County is currently being considered for another site. Carter said Sherman Wind Energy is in the process of collecting wind data and obtaining financing for a project that would be located in central Sherman County.

The potential of wind energy and the chance for more towers in this area is an exciting possibility that could further enhance the local economy. Carter said, "I'm hoping we can get more here."

Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm.
—Winston Churchill

An Opportunity for Citizen of Stratford

By Gaynelle Riffe

Elaine Cummings McGourik and husband Wayne are in the Mission field in Nicaragua supporting a school in the dump grounds, a children's cancer hospital and a home for older persons. They need good used sheets (do you have contour sheets that do not fit your new wide mattress? The Cancer Hospital can use them.) Also, Children's color books, new or partially used and crayons; small stuffed animals, hotel soap and shampoo. Bethesda Outreach is packing a container to be sent to Nicaragua in August. The Imagination Station is sending extra children's chairs for their school. If you have items you wish to give for the August container, the collection contacts are Sue Hudson, United Methodist Church or Gaynelle Riffe. If you can't make the August container another will be sent after January. The Imagination Station will be sending their Whale of a Sale items then.

Oh, Hail!

By Bailey Naugle

On June 26th dark clouds quickly mounted as a storm passed over Stratford, teasing with only a few fat raindrops. Southeast of town the storm let loose, releasing rain and large hail stones that caused significant damage to crops.

One area grower sustained heavy damage to his wheat, corn and cotton crops. "The cotton is no longer. It's dying. We'll go ahead and harvest the wheat, but it's probably cut in half, and the corn was in a stage where it won't hurt it too bad," he said. "We still have high hopes for the corn."

This destructive storm dropped approximately 3.60 inches of rain along with hail stones that were larger than golf balls. "I got to the field about 45 minutes after. There were still stones that were golf ball size, and the ground was steaming," he said.

Marcus Lavake, another local grower, was actually caught in the storm. "The hail was as hard as a rock. Some hail is kind of soft, but this was solid as a rock... and big... and there was a bunch of it," he said. Lavake tried to escape the chunks of ice that were violently raining down around him. "I turned around in the first place I could find and got out of it," he said, but his pickup truck had already received substantial damage. "It broke the windshield and beat up the rest of the pickup," said Lavake.

Several growers in the area sustained damage to their crops, and it is believed that the storm hit as far south as FM Road 297.

OLD TIMERS Invited

OLD TIMERS are welcome to Scot Hall on July 28th for the Jamboree Barbecue. They will have the opportunity to purchase desserts.

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Xcel Energy asks customers to curb electricity use

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy is asking electric customers in its Texas and New Mexico service territory to conserve energy because of expected high electric demand and limits in generation capacity on Monday.

The utility company urges consumers to limit their power use through 7 p.m. in order to reduce the strain on the power grid. Xcel Energy should produce enough power to meet demand today, but it is possible that reserve margins could tighten as air conditioning load rises in the afternoon hours. People can help deter power emergencies by:

- * Turning off unneeded lights, computers and appliances.
- * Setting the thermostat to 78 degrees or higher at home.
- * Turning up the thermostat to 85 degrees before leaving home.
- * Using major appliances and equipment after 7 p.m., when power demand is lower.

"We take our responsibility to supply energy to our customers very seriously, and we will declare an Energy Alert only after exhausting all other options," said David Eves, president of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

"Our customers have helped us through similar situations in the past, and we look to them today to help us maintain the integrity of their electricity system. Turning off all lights and appliances that are not essential to

health and safety will help us meet everyone's energy needs without service interruptions. We at Xcel Energy - and your friends and neighbors - thank you."

Hilmar Cheese Company Part 2

The excitement goes on! Things continue to progress rapidly at Hilmar Cheese Company in Dalhart. Within the next few weeks, most of the administrative offices will be finished and occupied. The team is anxious to relocate into their "new" work environment.

You may have noticed that the last segment briefly introduced the jobs involved in the cheese making process. This final segment is intended to provide an overview of the whey process and jobs involved in whey, laboratories and maintenance.

So, let's continue to follow the milk as it makes its way through the Hilmar Cheese Company. To begin with - did you know that milk consists of about 87% water and 13% solids? The solids include fat, protein (in the form of whey and casein) carbohydrates (lactose) and nutrients, such as calcium and vitamin A. As the first segment introduced, the cheese making process captures the fat, casein protein and nutrients, but what happens to all the rest of the nutrients?

The liquid remaining after cheese making contains whey protein, lactose and water. Whey protein is a very nutritious ingredient used by food and beverage makers in many of the products found on your supermarket shelf including infant formula, nutrition bars and sports drinks. Hilmar Cheese Company processes the whey to fully utilize the nutrients in milk, conserve resources and recycle the water.

YOUTH ARENA WORKDAY JULY 9

By Susie Spurlock

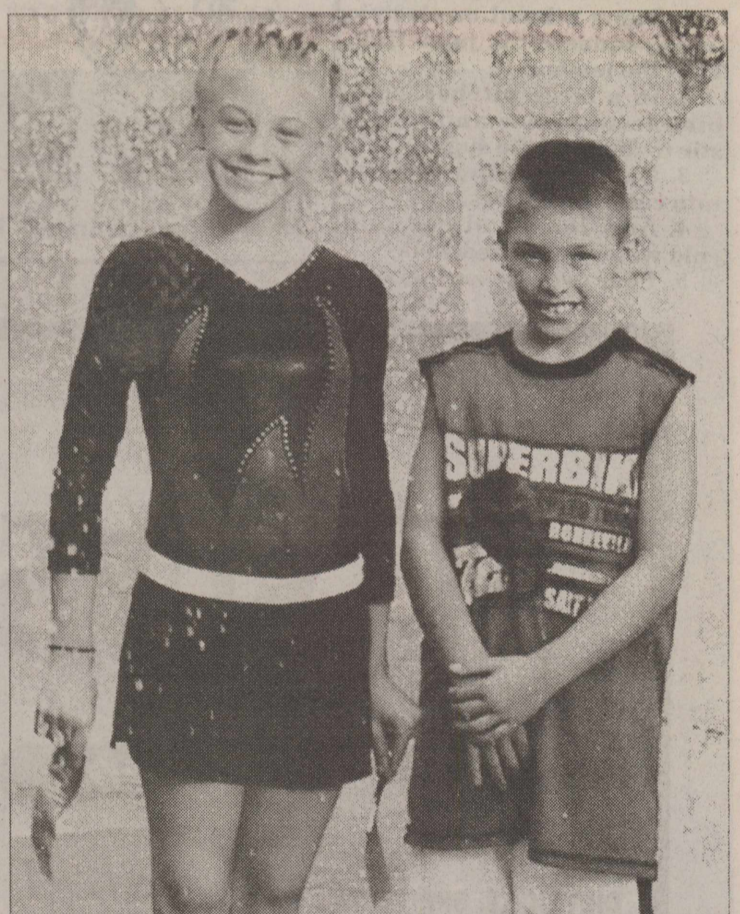
Sherman County youth organizations needing community service time are asked to join Sherman County 4-H members to assist with painting the youth arena. A second workday will take place on Monday, July 9, 2007. The work session will begin at 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Cindy Miller, of the Youth Arena committee is coordinating this activity. The Arena committee would like to see a fresh coat of paint at the facility prior to the annual Stratford Days Ranch Rodeo scheduled for July 27 & 28.

All supplies will be furnished and bottled water will be provided. Parents of youth participants are also invited to assist.

For more information, contact Cindy at 396-5588 or the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

4-Given to Sing

The Singing Group 4-Given will be singing on Today in Amarillo on Friday, July 6th between 5:30 and 7:00 a.m. Be sure and tune in and watch.



Brooks 3rd in Nation

Kelly's Gymnastics competed at the USA Trampoline and Power Tumbling National competition in Memphis, Tennessee. Last week. There were 2,000 athletes representing 42 states. Gymnast had to qualify to attend this meet. Among those attending were Kelsey Taylor (Sunray), Brandi Craig (Sunray), Rebekah Johnson (Clayton, N.M.), Gage Brooks (Stratford) and Meghan Brooks (Stratford). Gage competed level 5 tumbling ranking 16th in the nation, level 6 double-mini ranking 13th and level 6 trampoline ranking 12th. Meghan competed level 8 trampoline placing her first in her flight and tied for third in the nation overall, level 7 tumbling ranking 12th and level 8 double-mini ranking 13th. Meghan will move up to level 9 (of ten levels) starting in July where she will be able to compete at a world level. Shown above Meghan Brooks and Gage Brooks, children of Lance & Kelly Brooks. Way to go Meghan and Gage!

What follows is an overview of the how each position contributes to that process.

Fines Room Operator

The whey process starts with assuring all cheese curds are utilized. Fines Room Operators monitor machines called "fine savers", which capture the last small bits of cheese curds to press into blocks of cheese. Operators watch the whey as it continues through a centrifuge, spinning off the whey cream, which is further processed by customers for use as a food ingredient.

ATTENTION READERS

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will start putting addresses in and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail stardm@xit.net

Nicholas McDaniel

Nicholas McDaniel is stationed in Iraq. If you would like to send Nicholas a card or letter

His address is
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The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office.

—Robert Frost

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to Editor,

I apologize that I am not as articulate as some, causing a misunderstanding. Does your vote count was to point out that just over one third of the registered voters voted. That is a concern. I am not interested in researching the voting records to try to figure out how each person voted. Those who do, have way too much time on their hands. Amarillo brought attention to the same concern of lack of voter participation when they published the vote in each of their voting boxes. Sometimes persons are elected and laws changed because of apathy and then we all must live with the outcome. The point is... the future is in your hands at the ballot box, don't lose by default. Pay attention, be informed and VOTE.

Gaynelle Riffe

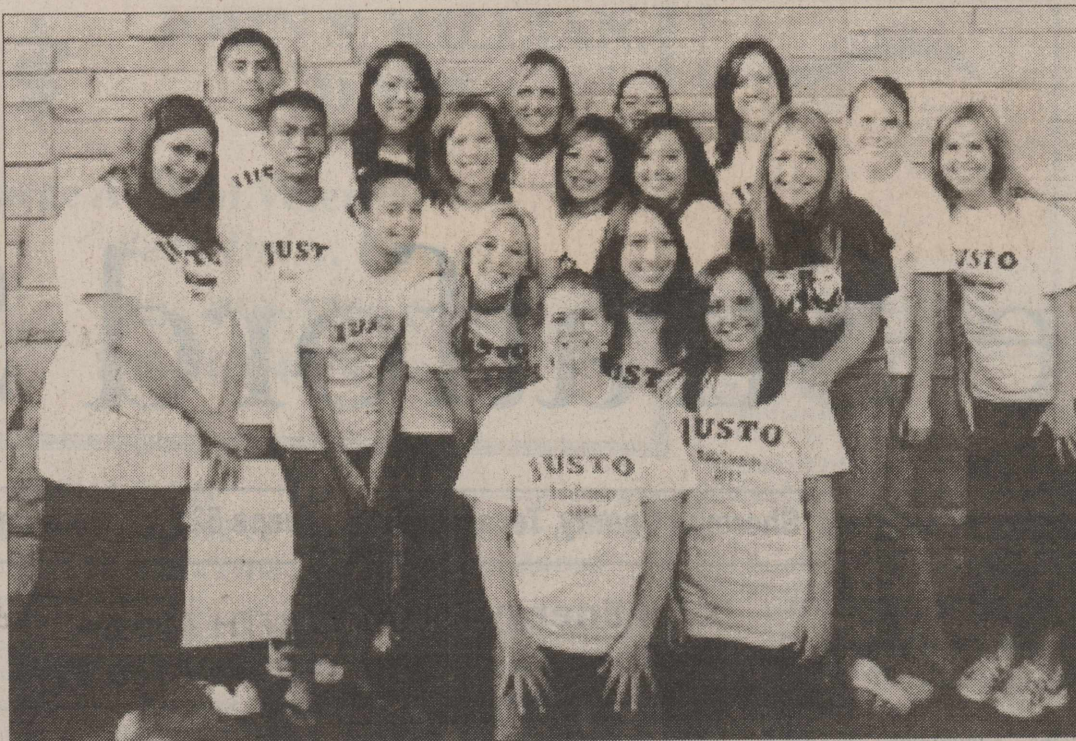
Movie Madness @ Your Library

The Sherman County Public Library will be showing movies throughout the summer. The "Movie Madness" dates are Tuesdays, July 17th, July 24th, July 31st, August 7th, August 14th, and August 21st. Movies will begin at 1:30 p.m. Please call the library at 366-2200 for the current week's movie schedule. Due to restrictions of our movie license, we are unable to publish the movies which will be shown, but you may call the library at 366-2200 for the movie of the week.

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3. Cut remaining lemons into cartwheel slices.
4. Add lemon slices and cold water and blend well.
5. Pour over ice and serve.



Justo Lamas Concert a Huge Success!

Ninety-five students from Stratford High, along with 400 Panhandle area students, were entertained by singer Justo Lamas from Argentina at the Globe News Center on Tuesday, May 15. The students had prepared for the Spanish language experience in the classroom weeks ahead of the concert. This enabled them to be able to participate in the concert by singing and dancing and trying to understand all that was going on. Unless you were there, it is hard to describe the energy and excitement of the event. The students are crazy about Justo and his wife Eva, and in addition to the experience being a great way to build language skills, they are both such great role models for young people. The event was made possible by Stratford ISD and a grant funded by the Stratford Education Foundation. This is just one of the many ways the Education Foundation expands students' education beyond the classroom.

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Amarillo Museum of Art set to host Main Street Art

Main Street Art will be held at The Imagination Station on Friday, July 13th from 1-3pm. The Amarillo Museum of Art will be hosting the program. The program will be on Native American Art and the kids will learn about and create this type of art. Kids 4 and older are welcome. The cost of this event is \$5.00. If you have questions please call 366-2772.

The Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

Join the 4th of July Celebration at Pendleton Park. The Imagination Station will have baked potatoes, watermelon, face painting, balloon tying, ring toss and the famous free mirror drawing. The Imagination Station is supporting the community fun and the Chamber of Commerce Fire Works through this effort. We need some extra volunteers for the face painting and the rings toss, please.

Opportunity for fall cleaning.
The Imagination Station is accepting articles for the "Whale of a Sale" to be held September 15. All items remaining after the sale will be taken to shelters or sent to the mission field in Nicaragua. This fund raiser helps keep the light on.

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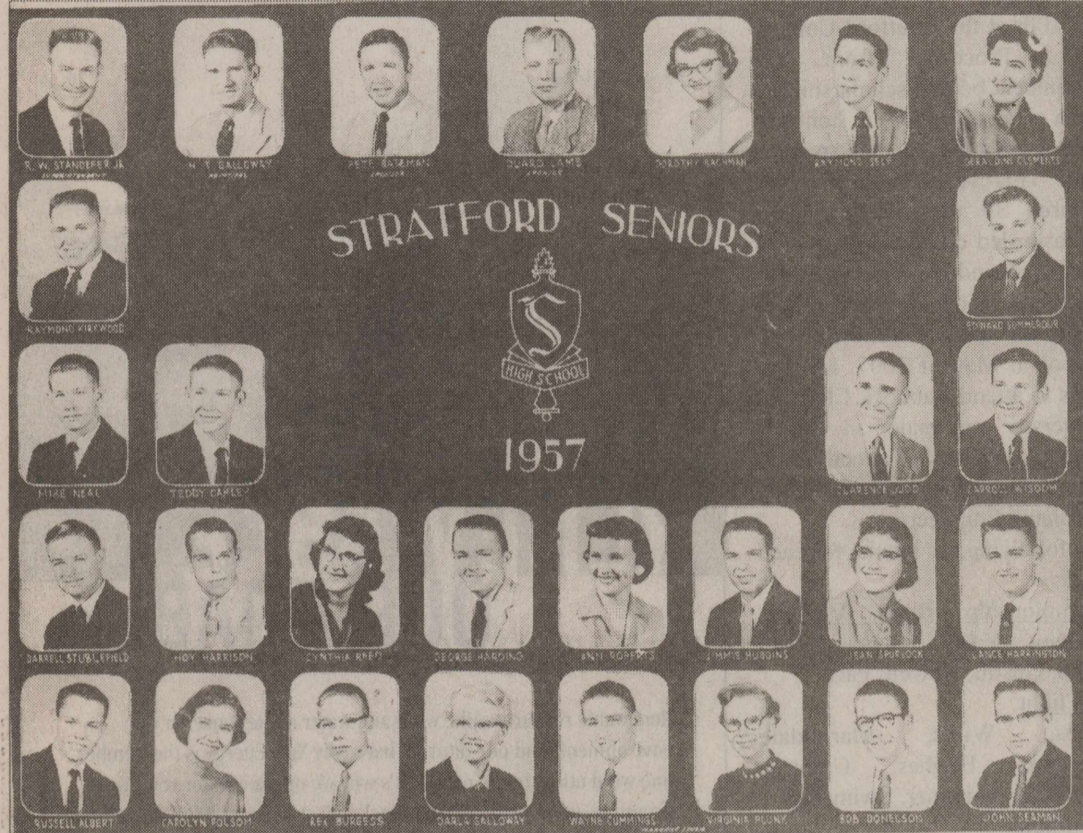
Vincent Baby Shower

Candler Mae Vincent, daughter of Clint and Ann Vincent was honored with a baby shower in the home of Barbara Chumley on Saturday, June 30, 2007. Shown from left, Mazie Vincent, Lorie Vincent, Amie Davis, Patti Vincent, Ann and Candler, Marsha Wells, and Lorie Starnes.



Baskin Honored With Bridal Shower

Hillary Baskin, bride-elect of Justin Killingsworth, was honored with a shower in the home of Betty Fesler on Saturday, June 30, 2007. Shown from left, Allison Baskin, Kathy Killingsworth, Mattie Baskin, Hillary, Sandy Baskin and Megan Baskin.



Class of 1957

CLASS OF 1957: Top L/R: R.W. Standefer, Jr. (Supt.), H.T. Galloway (Prin.), Pete Bateman (Spon.), Duard Lamb (Spon.), Dorothy Bachman, Raymond Self, Geraldine Clements; 2nd Row: Raymond Kirkwood, Edward Summerour; 3rd Row: Darrell Stublefield, Hoy Harrison, Cynthia Reed, George Harding, Ann Roberts, Jimmie Huggins, Jean Spurlock, Lance Harrington; Bottom Row L/R: Russell Albert, Carolyn Folsom, Rex Burgess, Darla Galloway, Wayne Cummings, Virginia Plunk, Bob Donelson, John Seaman.

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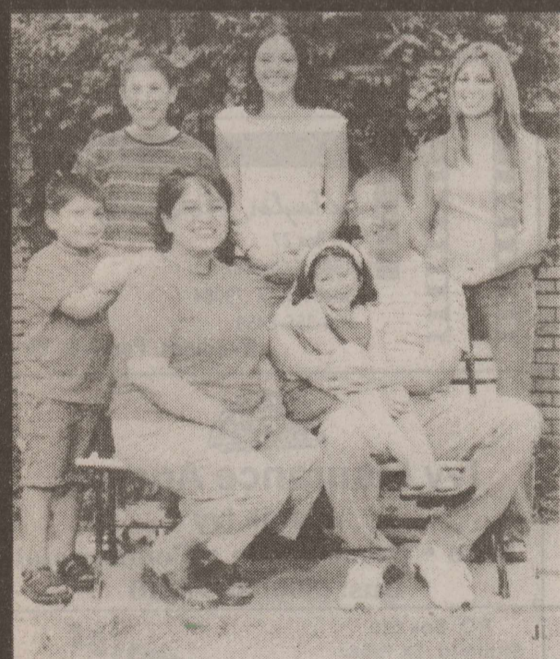
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Auto

(NU) - Are you ready to hit the open road this summer? Before your next road trip, it's a good idea to make sure your vehicle is ready. Firestone Complete Auto Care offers a series of tips to help you safely get on the road: Before you set out, have an automotive technician make sure the vehicle is travel-ready by checking the battery, fluid levels, windshield wipers, lights and exhaust system. Carefully examine the tread on your tires; they must have at least 2/32 inch of tread depth. Prepare for inclement weather by storing emergency supplies in the trunk, such as a properly inflated spare tire, flashlight, blanket, extra clothing, candles and matches. For more information, visit www.FirestoneCompleteAutoCare.com.



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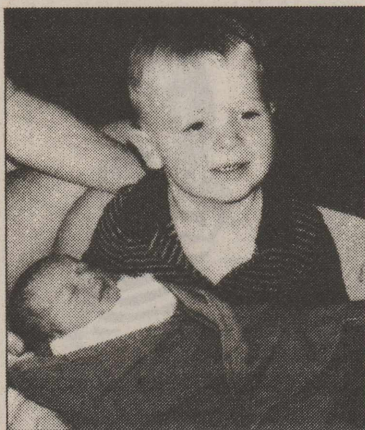
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Clint and Ann Vincent of Las Colinas, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Candler Mae. Candler was born May 12, 2007 at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Chip and Marsha Wells of San Antonio, Texas. Paternal grandparent is Patti Vincent of Stratford, Texas. Paternal great grandparents are Harley and Diana Starnes and Walter Vincent all of Stratford, Texas.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library Fiction

By Sandy Baskin, Librarian

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All happy families resemble one another, but each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
—Leo Tolstoy

Where can a person be better than in the bosom of their family?
—Marmontel Gretry

Births

Landry Jake Miller is very excited to announce the birth of his sweet baby sister, Sydney LeeAnn Miller. Sydney's parents are Jason and Janell (Pronger) Miller of Aspermont.

She was born on June 22, 2007 at 12:09. She weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Fred and Marsha Pronger of Stratford and Ronald and Patsy Miller of Woolforth. Great-grandparents include Alfred Pronger of Stratford, Grady and Barbara Howard of Amarillo, and Dena Rankin of Levelland.

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Laboratory Technician

The facility features an on-site chemistry and microbiology laboratory in which a variety of food safety and quality tests are conducted. Internal and external training is provided for laboratory technicians who analyze test results using formulas and calculations, record results, manage the sample library and prepare sample shipments.

Maintenance Mechanics

Maintenance Mechanics perform preventative maintenance activities such as oil changes; bearing and belt replacement; and monitoring of boiler and air compressor equipment. They work in teams to troubleshoot equipment issues, decipher codes and work with programmable logic controllers. The maintenance teams face different challenges everyday as they work to keep the facility operating smoothly.

One of Hilmar Cheese Company's core values is teamwork. Throughout the company, all employees are encouraged to work as a team. Supervisors and fellow employees discuss decisions and management works with operators to make improvements. The culture is one of continuous learning, innovation and progress. As a team, Hilmar Cheese

Company's quality goal is to provide a product which delights the customer.

Although actual production is not scheduled to begin until October, Hilmar Cheese Company is hiring now. The company offers an attractive wage and benefit package along with a culture of opportunity, growth and empowerment.

Whey Plant Operator

The next step uses highly technical filtration systems to concentrate the solid whey protein to dry and bag. The remaining liquid travels through additional filtration systems to separate the residual nutrients to use as an ingredient in animal feeds. All that is left is pure, clean water, which is recycled. Whey Plant Operators use graphics-based computer systems to oversee the state-of-the-art equipment for this process. They must also test product samples and use basic calculations to evaluate data and make decisions and adjustments as the whey travels through the system and the water is recycled to wash the facility.

Dryer Operator

As the whey moves into the dryer room, the whey plant Dryer Operator controls the temperature and pressure of this nutrient rich liquid to spray-dry the concentrated whey protein into a powder form. The Dryer Operator also draws samples to test for moisture and monitors the data feedback on a computer system. The dried whey protein powder is now ready to be packaged.



Hilmar Cheese Whey Warehouse operator

Packaging Operator

The Packaging Operator activates a machine that fills bags with dried whey protein concentrate (WPC) powder, seals them, then stacks and shrink wraps the bags on a pallet. The operator also collects finished product samples, records data, and prints bar code labels for each pallet. The Packaging Operator uses a forklift to move product and obtain supplies.

Warehouse Operator

A Warehouse Operator controls and organizes the pallets of whey protein concentrate. Using handheld scanners to read bar codes, warehouse operators work with truck drivers, carefully monitoring paperwork and matching documents to prepare and load the trucks that deliver the whey protein concentrate to food and beverage companies.

These articles provide a brief overview of Hilmar Cheese Company and the key jobs in residents, making it one of cheese and whey production. Merced County's largest Perhaps it helped take some of the mystery out of why Little Miss Muffet enjoyed "eating her curds and whey." The Hilmar Cheese Company website, www.hilmarcheese.com, offers a virtual tour which highlights some of these jobs in action and can help you visualize the manufacturing process.

If you have questions about the process or employment, please contact Hilmar Cheese Company, Dalhart at 806-244-8800 or the Panhandle Work Source Office located at 1003 S. Hwy 87 in Dalhart (806-244-1834).

Hilmar Cheese Company Dalhart Facts

Facility Site: 40 acres
Building Size: Approximately 200,000 square feet
Initial Milk Received: 250,000 gallons per day, Fall 2007
Production Begins: October 2007
Initial Cheese Capacity: up to 500,000 pounds of cheese per

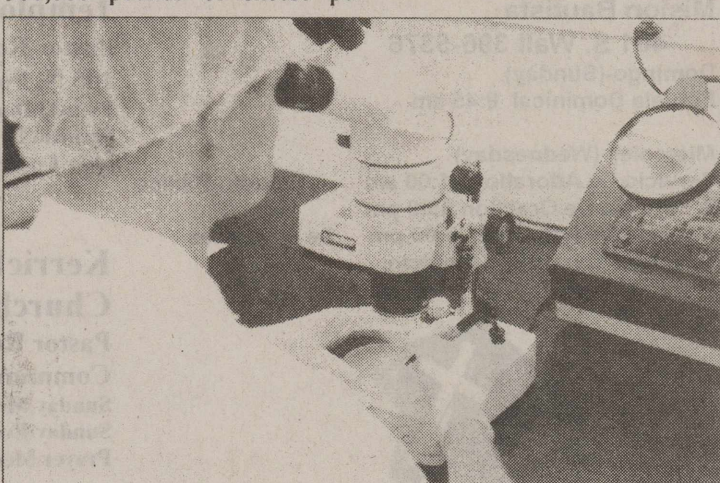
day, Products: American-style natural cheeses such as Cheddar, Colby and Monterey Jack and WPC (whey protein concentrate) for nutritional supplements such as protein bars, nutritional drinks and livestock feed. Sizes: Initially 40-pound blocks of cheese shipped to food service and wholesale customers who slice and package the cheese for retail customers. Investment: \$190 million over 10 years

Employment: Hiring process has begun. Apply on-line www.hilmarcheese.com, Employment.

About Hilmar Cheese Company

Located in California's Central Valley, Hilmar Cheese Company was established in 1984 by 12 local dairy farm families.

Privately owned, the company employs more than 650 local residents, making it one of Merced County's largest employers. Since its inception, Hilmar Cheese Company has been dedicated to processing high-quality cheese and whey products. The company currently produces a variety of cheese including Cheddar, Monterey Jack, Pepper Jack, Colby, Jack and Mozzarella. The whey is processed into Whey Protein Concentrate, used as an ingredient in many foods including nutritional beverages and bars; and Lactose is marketed internationally as an ingredient in confections and infant formula. Committed to continuous improvement and innovation, Hilmar Cheese Company is recognized world-wide as a leader in dairy products manufacturing. www.hilmarcheese.com, www.hilmarcheese.com, www.hilmarcheese.com



Hilmar Cheese Lavatory Technician

Nu Beta Golf Tournament Results

The Third Annual Nu Beta Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament was held June 9th and 10th at the Stratford Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament benefit scholarships given to local seniors in honor of Tiffany Knight and Samantha Hart. This year the tournament featured 30 three-person teams and awarded college scholarships to LaRissa and Landan Luna.

LaRissa and Landan both graduated from Stratford High School in May of 2007. LaRissa plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Family Studies. Landan will attend Texas Tech University and study Petroleum Engineering.

The following are results for each flight:

Championship flight Vincent Pittman, Yates, Garza, Rice, Artho, Gustin, Howell, Pack

1st Flight Willis, Willis, Martindale Spurlock, Hughes, Crabtree Swimmer, Swimmer, Swimmer

2nd Flight Macon, Swain, James Lackey, Foster, Sullivan Brooks, Brooks, Brooks & Bell, Bell, Luna (tie)

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, prayers, and concerns during my recent accident. They were greatly appreciated. Thanks again.
Brent Reed

I would like to thank the Stratford Fire Department for their quick response to my wheat fire. Thanks again!
James Young

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to say a big "Thank You" to Happy State Bank and to First State Bank for their generous support and donation for the fireworks this 4th of July. If you enjoyed the fireworks this year please stop in one of the banks and tell them "Thank You!"

Practice is nine-tenths.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

In The Driver's Seat

Putting The Brakes On Road Rage

by Liz Allison
(NAPS)—Headaches on the highway have plagued our roads since the Model T. But the attitudes and multitasking natures of America's drivers have made some roadways a ticking time bomb for sudden, uncontrollable outbursts of road rage, according to a new survey.



To learn more about what drives commuters to rage, the second annual "In The Driver's Seat Road Rage Survey" questioned drivers in 25 major metropolitan areas. It was sponsored by AutoVantage, a leading national auto club. Here's a look at some results:

Top Five Worst Road Rage Cities

1. Miami
2. New York
3. Boston
4. Los Angeles
5. Washington, D.C.

Causes Of Road Rage

When asked the major causes of a driver's personal road rage, the most frequent themes were people being in a hurry, running late, being impatient and/or speeding. But behaviors by other drivers can cause road rage, too. They include:

- Driving too fast (66 percent observe this happening every day)
- Tailgating (57 percent see this every day)
- Cutting over without notice (45 percent see this every day).

Commuters also reported that other drivers frequently:

- Talk on their cell phones (98 percent observe this at least once a week)

More than 60 percent of drivers thought an increased police presence would cut down on road rage.

- Do other tasks while driving (63 percent observe this at least once a week)
- Run red lights (63 percent observe this at least once a week)
- Slam on the brakes (63 percent see this happening at least once a week).

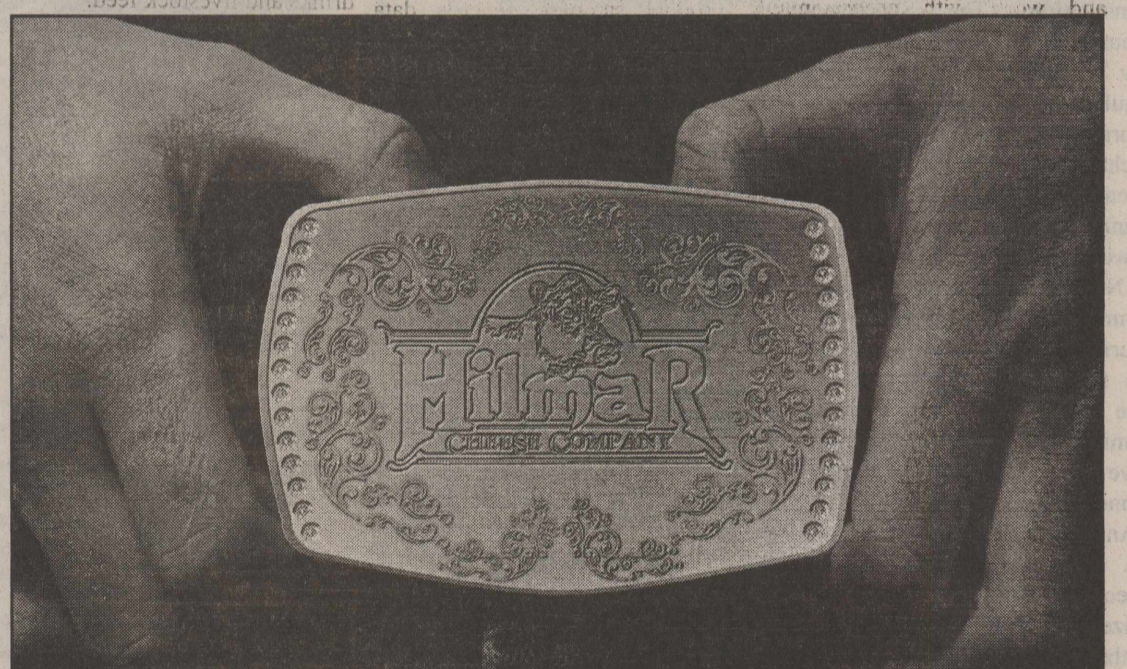
Reducing Road Rage

Drivers weighed in on how to reduce rude driving and road rage:

- Increase police presence (62 percent thought this would help)
- Make it illegal to use cell phones while driving (53 percent)
- Use automatic cameras to catch bad drivers (51 percent)
- Conduct a major public awareness campaign (32 percent).

Liz Allison, a spokesperson for AutoVantage, is a NASCAR TV personality, radio host and best-selling author. She has served as a racing analyst for TNT, CNN/SI, TNN, CNN, ESPN and ESPN2.

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Production Operators

Good computer skills are required to operate a variety of equipment and machinery in our production environment. Must be proficient in reading, writing and speaking English.

Maintenance Mechanic

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Lab Technicians

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The State's Role in Immigration and Border Security.

By: State Representative David Swinford

Before the last legislative session, I was asked by Governor Perry to help develop a state plan for border security and illegal immigration. As chairman of the House Committee on State Affairs, I was assigned this project. Our goal was to find ways to secure the border and protect our citizens from the drugs, crime, human trafficking, and prostitution and to reduce the rate of illegal immigration into our state.

The border may be 800 miles away but the 1-40 Corridor is one of the most used delivery avenues for drugs and related criminal activities in America. We are at war with the drug cartels, criminal gangs, and drug dealers that roam back and forth across the Mexican border. The federal government has failed to secure the border. The legislature decided to invest in border security by using state wide resources and beefing up the border sheriffs and putting more "boots on the ground". Doing this means more DPS officers, state and National Guard troops, deputies and by investing in high tech communication equipment, helicopters, and vehicles to fight this war on our border. In fact, we would dedicate \$100 million dollars to save an estimated \$1 billion dollars on education, health care and social services costs.

This is really difficult issue for the state. Immigration laws are federal laws; and we have no authority to make, enact or change those laws. If state immigration laws passed, they could be struck down in federal court because if they violate Article 6, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution (The Supremacy Clause). It mandates that federal law preempts any state regulations which Congress has expressly or impliedly exercised exclusive authority. Because the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the exclusive power to establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization and to regulate commerce with foreign nations, courts have long recognized that the federal government has the sole authority to regulate immigration. It does not say they have to do it correctly, but we cannot take it over.

Another interesting fact is that the U.S. Constitution speaks directly to the issue of birthright citizenship. It makes it clear that birthright citizenship is a matter of constitutional right, no less for the U.S. born children of unlawful aliens and undocumented persons than for the descendants of passengers of the Mayflower.

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—Robert H. Schullder

If we could sell our experiences for what they cost us, we'd all be millionaires.

—Abigail Van Buren

The fewer data needed, the better the information.

—Peter F. Drucker

THE SALVATION ARMY ENTERS NEW AND INTENSIFYING FLOOD ZONES

Wichita Falls, TX- Four Salvation Army Canteens entered Wichita Falls today, Monday July 2nd along with a mobile command center in response to the excessive flooding there. Cleanup kits are en-route to this recently flooded location, and a distribution center is being established at the local Salvation Army Corps in Wichita Falls. According to Captain Shafer of Wichita Falls, 600 homes are submerged in water and water is not expected to recede until Friday. The Salvation Army Canteens reporting are from Longview, Pampa, Lubbock and Wichita Falls, TX.

Gainesville and Sherman, TX- Salvation Army flood recovery efforts in Gainesville and Sherman continue this week. Additional services are being provided to disaster victims combining with those being offered from the onset of the flooding. Along with meals and cleanup kits, assistance is being offered through distribution of furniture, clothing, household items, rental assistance and several other services.

Salvation Army officers, disaster personnel and volunteers are out in full force in Texas responding to damages caused by the extensive flooding. Major James Taylor commented that if the heavy rains continue through the week, they have the potential to cause the most significant flooding event in more than 60 years in the state of Texas.

Salvation Army Corps from the Oklahoma border to Mexico east of Abilene have also been placed on alert should an emergency response be necessary.



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- **DEET** (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions, and always wear repellent when outdoors.
- **DRAIN** standing water in your yard and neighborhood - old tires, flowerpots, and clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.

Fewer than 1 percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes become severely ill. If you have symptoms that include stiff neck, high fever, or severe headache, contact your health-care provider immediately.

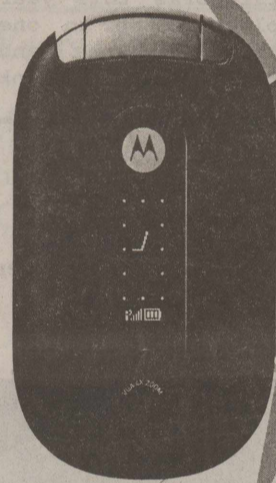
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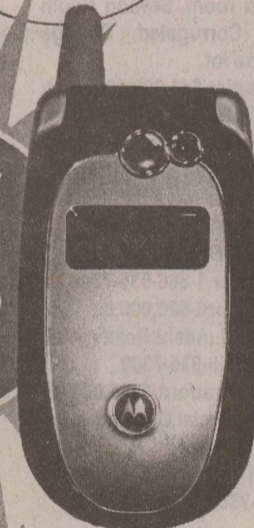
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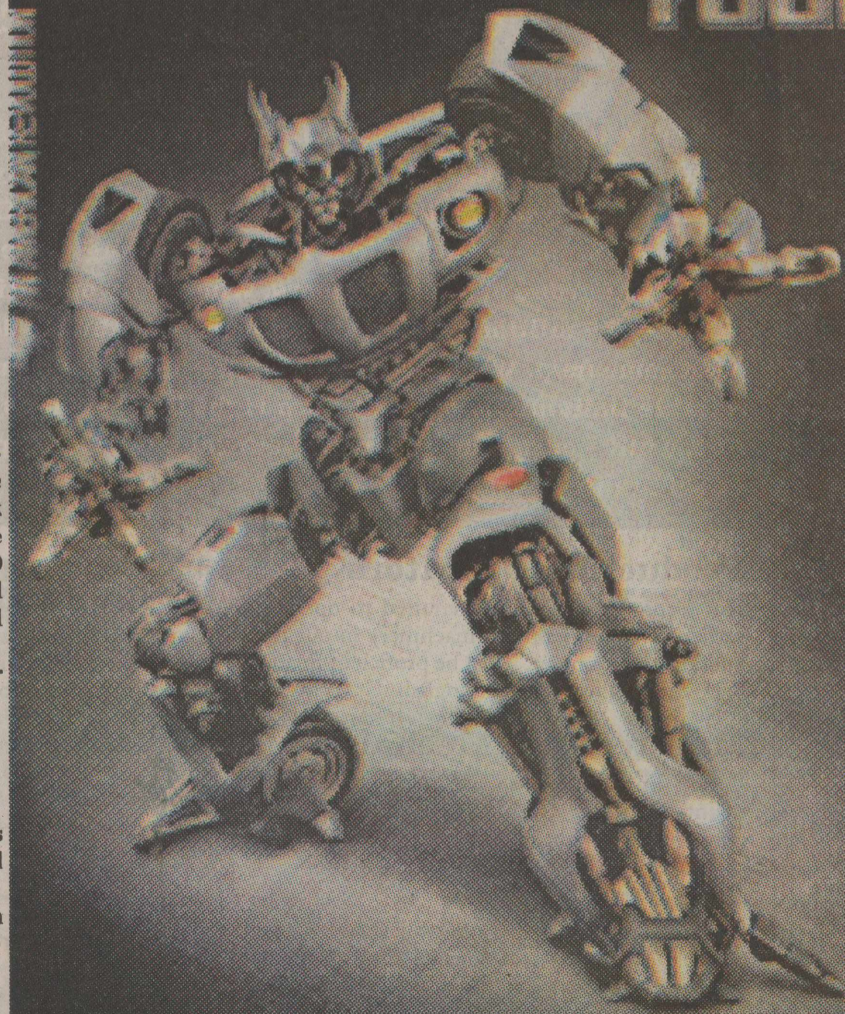
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