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First-year history teacher Greg Easley helps his sixth-grade students Beau Benson, Brice Hart and Laritza Melendez understand concepts in economics at Pampa Junior High.

New teacher back where he wants to be

by Rachel Stennett
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(Editor's Note: The following is the first of a series of features on new teachers in the community.)

Greg Easley is finally where he wants to be - back in Pampa teaching 6th grade at Pampa Junior High with many of the teachers who taught him.

"I'm really glad to be back. I feel honored to be working in these schools, and I'm proud to choose Pampa," Easley said, expressing his excitement for his first year of teaching at PJH.

Easley studied at two colleges, worked two jobs, and lived in a few different cities, but he has never been able to get Pampa out of his mind.

"The longer I was away from Pampa, it started to become appealing," he said. "There is a difference in the way I see Pampa as an adult and as a kid. This is a great place to raise a family."

Easley's journey back to Pampa has been a winding road.

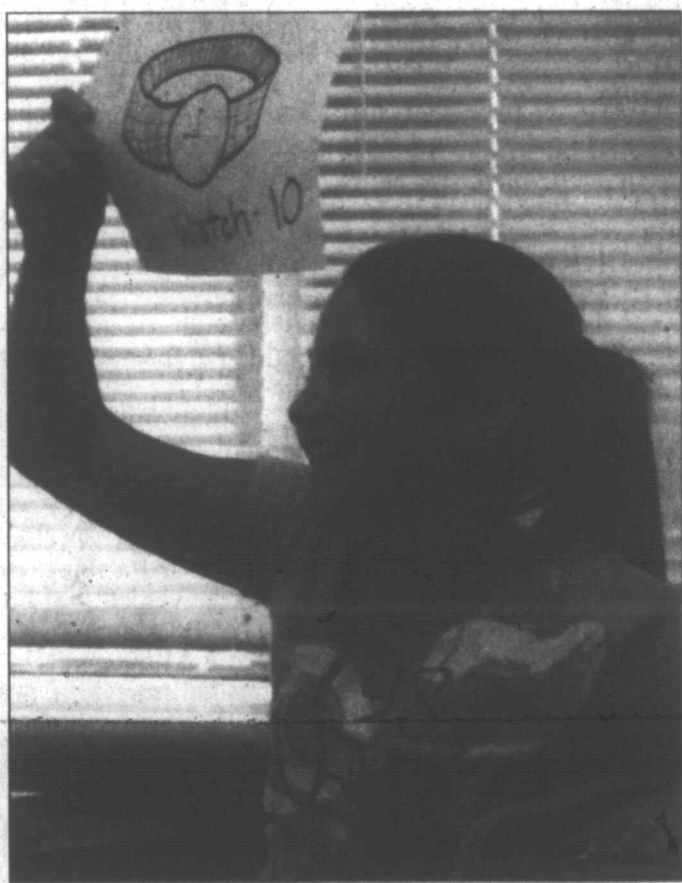
He spent most of his time earning his degree in secondary education at Texas A&M University, where he met his wife Erin. Easley

started college unsure of what he wanted to do with his future, but soon he realized he wanted to teach history.

"I've always been pas-

sionate and in love with history," Easley said. "I want to share that passion with other people the way

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Sixth-grade student Genevieve Zavala participates in Greg Easley's lesson on economics. Zavala and other students were assigned a product, like this watch, and told to design it and then market it to the other class so they would be enticed to "buy" it with the hand-made currency.

Voter registration effort under way

by Marilyn Powers
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Twenty-two Pampa High School students are among the latest Gray County residents to submit voter registration applications, thanks to the efforts of Gray County Elections Administrator Linda Lewis and volunteers Kitty Hall and Janis Lively.

"We registered 22 seniors at a senior assembly at the high school last Friday," Lewis said.

Persons must be U.S. citi-

zens and must be at least 17 years and 10 months old to register to vote. The first-time applicant will be able to vote 30 days after their registration is received or on their 18th birthday, whichever occurs later.

Other requirements to be registered to vote are that the person is a resident of the county in which he is registering; has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if a felon, is eligible for registra-

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'Gray Cares' formed, seeks help

by Julie Ann Thompson
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A new group of church leaders under the direction of Reverend Steve Cox of St. Paul United Methodist Church is coming together with the main goal of keeping the elderly living in their homes. The program would be called "Gray Cares," and the community is invited to help.

"It's not medical," Cox said. "We just want to identify people who need help. We can help them keep up their yards, buy groceries, anything they need."

The idea was inspired by Hutchinson County's "Hutch Cares," a group of volunteers who help seniors stay at

home free of charge.

"That's the hardest part, you know, convincing people that it's free," Cox said.

The group would aim for volunteers who are willing to make phone calls or personal visits to seniors in need of assistance. Among their various services, the group would install ramps and railing, help with home maintenance, shopping, yard work and provide transportation.

Hutch Cares would provide the mold for Gray County's version of the program: "Gray Cares."

"The success of their neighbor-helping-neighbor program is that there's a referral system so there's not

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Despite challenges, TOT Rodeo deemed successful

by Rachel Stennett
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The Top O' Texas Rodeo faced many challenges this year with heavy rains and a new format, but Rodeo Association Office Manager Cindy Kempf still feels that the rodeo was one of the best in many years.

"We had an awesome rodeo," Kempf explained. "The staff was great, the contestants were great. Everything was great, except the weather."

The weather caused the rodeo to cancel its Saturday morning parade, but all other events continued as scheduled.

"Considering the weather, our attendance was good. It hurt us, but we thought it would have a bigger impact

on us than it did. Next year, we are praying for good weather because people didn't get to see our full potential, but we are looking forward to it," Kempf said.

The rodeo kicked off on Thurs., Aug. 15 with a free bar-b-que, but pouring rains. Kempf said most of the crowd had a chance to eat before the rains hit, but most of the crowd left once the rain and lightning began.

On Friday the rain ended, which allowed for a much bigger crowd than the night before. Kempf was grateful for the support from the people in Pampa, and the sponsors of the rodeo.

"We appreciate the support people in this community.

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Teacher

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my teachers in school gave me the passion. It's my time to pass on the torch." That passion for teaching made him realize he wanted to be back in an area like Pampa. His wife, Erin, an elementary school teacher, shared his desire to live and raise a family in a community like Pampa. In an effort to hopefully open doors for future job placement, the couple moved to Amarillo and finished school at West Texas A&M. The couple completed their student teaching in Amarillo. Teaching jobs in Amarillo "fill quickly," according to

Easley, which made it difficult for him or his wife to find work there.

A position opened up for Erin in Pampa teaching second grade math at Travis Elementary, which she accepted.

In the meantime, Easley took jobs outside his field of study, working as an ad representative for Clear Channel radio, and teaching Disciplinary Alternative Education Program and credit recovery for students in LeFors.

Easley enjoyed experiencing new things through both positions, but his desire to work in Pampa grew strong.

"I wanted to be back in Pampa giving back to the community that gave to me,"

Easley expressed.

Through tragic circumstances, and the death of sixth grade teacher Lana Stump who passed away on Mar. 9 last spring, Easley was offered a long-term substitute teaching position at PJH. Easley considered this a "strong step ahead, but not a guarantee" in the hopes to permanently fill the position.

Easley was faced with a great opportunity amidst a difficult situation.

"The student were use to her style. I tried to carry on what she did," Easley remarked, "but I was excited to do it. I was happy to be working in my subject area and happy to be in Pampa. Really happy."

He made it through those

exciting, but trying weeks with the help of staff at PJH.

"They are the only reason I made it. I would have sunk without them," Easley said.

This experience helped Easley remember why he loved Pampa and wanted to teach at PJH.

"Other schools aren't unified like this. The staff is a real team."

Already, in the first few weeks of schools, Easley has learned how necessary it is to depend on his other grade-level, and same content area teachers. The other teachers are helping him with classroom management, handling a total of 135 sixth graders.

Easley is enjoying teaching the sixth grade levels, and has no five-year plan to

transition to other grade levels, although he is open to it because "teaching is teaching." Thus far, he is enjoying the "fun challenge" of teaching sixth grade.

"Their minds develop quickly," Easley said. "They are open and curious about learning. This is the first time for presenting the material, it's always fun to be first. I like them a lot."

Easley has many goals lined up for the year, including the PJH school-wide goals such as preparing students for their next grade level and preparing to students to become good citizens. Easley is also realistic about what is his first year of teaching might bring, including plenty of mistakes

and trial and error scenarios.

"It is important to learn from mistakes and get back on the horse. I can't expect perfection, he said."

Easley will spend the year teaching the students about different countries and their governments, cultures, and economies. Some of his plans to do this effectively are to make all lessons relate to students and their world.

"I want to relate things to their closest point of reference. I want to make abstract concepts, like government, something they can understand using their families, towns and school. I want to bring it back so they can latch on."

Voter

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tion under section 13.001 of the Election Code; and has not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law.

A voter registration drive which began Monday at United Supermarket continues daily through Saturday. Volunteers will be on hand at the supermarket from 4 to 7 p.m. each day to help with the drive.

Deadline to register to vote in the November general elections is Oct. 6, Lewis said. Voter registration applications must be postmarked or returned in person to the elections administrator's office on or before that date.

"I must have either their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number," Lewis said of prospective voters. She also asks that registrants provide proof of identity in the form of a driver's license, state-issued

photo ID, birth certificate or passport.

Sixty persons applied to become registered voters during the drive's first two days, Monday and Tuesday, Lewis said.

United Supermarket is located at 1420 N. Hobart. Residents may also register to vote at Lewis' office on the ground floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Gray Cares

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someone who thinks they've taken this person on their backs," Laura Hershey of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle said. "There's got to be boundaries for the volunteers."

Cox said his first step will be to raise enough money to have brochures printed. He said the most important thing is to educate the citizens who need help and their children.

However, the group's most immediate need is to hire a director.

"We want to find the right person for that job. We need someone with the right attitude and connections through the whole communi-

ty," Cox said. "We all need to be looking for that person."

Persons interested in becoming involved in the effort can contact Rev. Cox through his email: stcox2000@netzero.net

Rodeo

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The people and our sponsors are what keep us going," Kempf added.

As for the new open format, the Top O' Texas rodeo has received "nothing but

positive feedback" from contestants and patrons. Kempf said many people approached her and other rodeo staff, who thought the rodeo was still at a professional status because of the quality.

"People couldn't tell it was an open rodeo because

we promised to still keep our standards up and be the best we could," Kempf continued. "People thought it was one of the best rodeos we had in a long time."

Kempf doesn't see any major changes in store for next year's rodeo, except a general hope that the weath-

er cooperates. The dates will remain the same, along with the format. Small changes will be made to make the rodeo "bigger and better," but people can expect to see a similar rodeo next year.

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Viewpoints

Eye health important issue as we age

You know, I used to love to change backgrounds and/or screensavers on my computer monitor. In fact, I've even been known to fiddle for hours with the background and tiles on some of my favorite computer games.

Now, I just want to find a suitable surface that is kind to my eyes. The current background I use for my favorite solitaire game is ... brown paper bag.

I know. How exciting. However, it does make my eyes smile.

The Texas Ophthalmological Association offers the following 'eye tips' for people as they age:

"1. Have your eyes examined annually. As one grows older, there is an increasing risk for cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration. Early diagnosis and treatment are extremely

important for protecting your vision and, when possible, preventing permanent vision loss.

"2. Review and address your family history of eye disease. If you have a family member with an eye disease, you are at greater risk of developing these diseases. So next time you are at a family gathering remem-

ber to ask your family if anyone has an eye disease and/or tell them if you do. . . By doing so, you are taking proactive measures to save your sight and the sight of your family.

"3. Protect your eyes from the sun. Spending long hours in the sun without eye protection can damage your

eyes by contributing to cataracts, macular degeneration and growths on the eye, including cancer. Remember to wear 99 percent and above UV-absorbent sunglasses and a brimmed hat whenever you are in the sun for long periods of time.

"4. Keep your eyes well lubricated. Tear production normally decreases as we age. When your eye stops producing enough tears for healthy eyes, this is called dry eye. You can take steps

to prevent your tears from evaporating by using a humidifier, wearing wrap-around glasses and avoiding overly warm, dry rooms, hair dryers, wind and smoke.

"5. See if you qualify for a FREE eye exam. To see if you, a loved one or a friend, 65 and older, is eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam and care, call 1-800-222-EYES (3937). The Seniors EyeCare Program help line operates 24 hours a day, every day, year-round."

Skyla Bryant
City Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 4, the 248th day of 2008. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.

On this date:

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

In 1908, American author Richard Wright was born near Natchez, Miss.

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina abdicated the Dutch throne for health reasons.

In 1951, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

'Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread.'

— Richard Wright
American author
(1908-1960)

vision broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock.

In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1967, Detroit TV station WKBD aired an interview with Michigan Gov. George Romney in which the Republican presidential hopeful attributed his previous support for the war in Vietnam to a "brainwashing" he'd received from U.S. officials during a 1965 visit — a comment that apparently damaged his White House bid.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

Ten years ago: During a visit to Ireland, President Clinton said the words "I'm sorry" for the first time about his affair with Monica Lewinsky, describing his behavior as indefensible.

Five years ago: Miguel Estrada, whose nomination became a flash point for Democratic opposition to President Bush's judicial choices, withdrew from consideration for an appeals court seat after Republicans failed in seven attempts to break a Senate filibuster. Verizon Communications and two unions, the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, reached a tentative, five-year contract after four months of talks.

One year ago: Teams searched a broad swath of rugged terrain in western Nevada for millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, who disappeared after taking off in a single-engine plane the day before. Hurricane Felix slammed into Nicaragua's coast, the first time on record that two Category 5 Atlantic hurricanes hit land in the same year. Toy maker Mattel Inc. recalled 800,000 lead-tainted, Chinese-made toys worldwide, a third major recall in just over a month.



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Usenet: Planet's largest bulletin board

Last week I discussed the wonderful world of "Usenet." Billed as the planet's largest bulletin board, this system allows anyone on the Internet to view messages from anyone else.

As a little review, remember that the Usenet is divided into thousands of "newsgroups," or sub-bulletin boards. Each newsgroup exists to discuss one particular topic. The organization of these newsgroups is hierarchical. In other words, a newsgroup with the name of "rec" is for discussions on all things recreational. Rec.Humor, therefore, would be for joke-telling.

Think of a Usenet message (posting) as "public e-mail." Usenet messages look exactly like e-mail messages except they aren't "sent" to an e-mail address; they are "posted" to a newsgroup. Because of the danger of

viruses, only plain-text messages are allowed on the Usenet. Since all viruses are binary, not plain text, this seems pretty safe. After all, you can't get a virus by reading a text message.

That fear, though, prevented the exchange of legitimate programs and other binary files, so, someone invented the process of "uencoding." (Yes, the word begins with two U's.) Uencoding allows a binary file to be changed to a plain text format so that it can be posted to the Usenet. A person on the receiving end can download the uencoded file and, using a special program, uuDEcode it back to its original binary form.

Most Usenet readers have

this capability built in, and most times, the uencoding and udecoding is invisible to the user. For instance, in the newer versions of Firefox and Internet Explorer, if you happen

upon a uencoded file, they will automatically udecode them so you can view (or listen) to them. Two newsgroups that contain uencoded files are alt.binaries.clipart and alt.binaries.sounds.mp3. Be careful, though. Remember, anyone can post ANYTHING to newsgroups. No moderator exists. Sometimes, you might find inappropriate pictures or pirated songs in the newsgroups.

Because of this free-for-

all Usenet attitude, another problem exists: SPAM. Unsolicited advertising is called "spam." Anytime you have received junk e-mail or seen an advertisement on the Usenet, you have been "spammed." A person that sends such drivel is a "spammer."

However, quite a few people are tempted into the "spam industry" by the seemingly free nature of the Internet. After all, when a person can post a message, viewed by millions, at no cost, why not use it for advertising? As I've stated before, the Internet is like a wild west town with no sheriff. When a crime is committed, the "townspeople" take care of it. And, in the case of the Internet, many of the vigilante townspeople are talented hackers. Trust me,

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 25
San Antonio Express-News on the Texas Residential Construction Commission:

On paper, the Texas Residential Construction Commission sounded like a good idea. The Legislature created it during the 2003 session to resolve disputes between homeowners and homebuilders and keep those disputes from entering arbitration and an already-clogged court system.

The commission might have been a model for homebuilder dispute resolution. But from the very start, it was plagued by political missteps that

doomed it to failure.

Critics contended that the resolution process was already stacked against homeowners before the commission went to work. So it was incumbent on lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry who appoints the nine commissioners to create a new entity that leveled the playing field.

That wasn't likely to occur in Austin, where the campaign contributions and lobbyists of builders and developers are a potent force.

What happened, in fact, is that they tilted the field even further in the homebuilders' direction. By statute, six of the nine commission seats are designated for representatives of the homebuilding community. And the prescribed procedures placed additional

costs and burdens of proof on homeowners.

The Texas Residential Construction Commission came up this year for its first review by the Sunset Advisory Commission. The sunset review process is supposed to eliminate waste and inefficiency in state agencies.

The sunset panel found a construction commission that was "fundamentally flawed." "It's really doing more harm to homeowners than good," the panel's executive director told the Express-News Austin Bureau.

The Sunset Advisory Commission recommends abolishing the Texas Residential Construction Commission. That's a recommendation that will be

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My father and I usually get along well, but whenever we get into an argument, he'll say something like, "Well, maybe I should just kill myself. Then you won't have to deal with me!" This has been going on for as long as I can remember. I'm 21 now. Abby, I don't think my dad is really suicidal. I think he says these things to make me feel guilty. It's hurtful because he has convinced our children that I was a suicide is a serious matter, and I always have to ask myself, "What if?" Telling him to stop just results in more emotional blackmail. He has also refused to see a counselor. I could really use some advice. - **CAN'T WIN IN NEW YORK**

DEAR CAN'T WIN: I agree with you that threats of suicide are a serious matter. And I have long said in this column that repeated threats of suicide should not be ignored. The next time your father starts talking about suicide, ask him if he is really serious. And, if he says he is, call 9-1-1. He may need 72 hours of observation.

DEAR ABBY: May I respond to the letter from "Needs to Know Now in Virginia" (Aug. 4)? I, too, spent time behind bars -- 14 months. My soon-to-be ex sent me a card on our 20th anniversary, a month after I was incarcerated, promising he'd be there for me when I got out. After months of denying there was anyone else, I finally found out the truth. She was not only accepted by his family, but also my kids. When I fell into a deep depression and tried to commit suicide, my husband told everyone it was just an act. That was 11 months ago. Today I believe everything happens for a reason, because during most of our marriage my husband had tried to control me and verbally abused me. He'd tell me I was a horrible mother and wife, that my own family hated me and I had no friends. After a while, I started to believe him and had little or no self-esteem. While incarcerated, I took classes and learned that verbal abuse is as bad, if not worse, than physical.

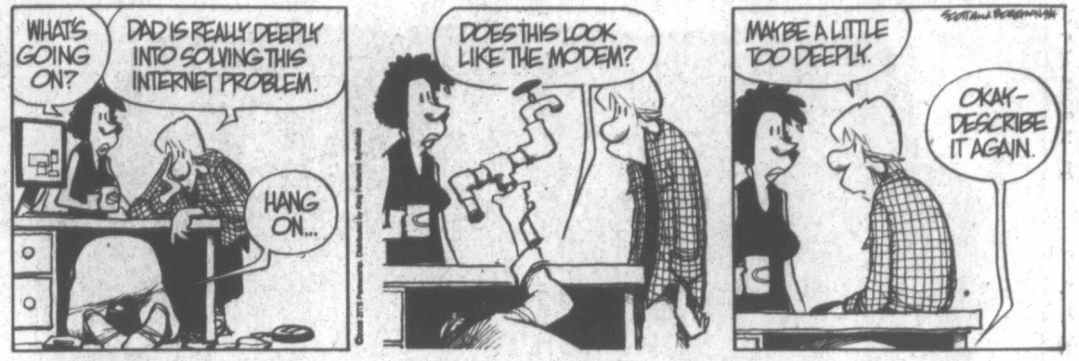
The scars heal, but the words kept playing over and over like a tape in my head. One thing I learned in the classes is you can't change someone else; you can only change yourself. To this day he continues to verbally abuse me. Last week he said he hopes I have cancer and die. But the words don't hurt anymore. The only hurt I suffer is that he has convinced our children that I was a horrible mother, so they no longer speak to me. They have welcomed her into their lives. I have learned to accept that my children want nothing to do with me, but pray that someday they will return to my life. I have met a caring man who knows all about my past and loves me for who I am. I am now grateful to the other woman. She saved me from a miserable marriage, and I know one day he'll do to her what he did to me. So, my advice to "Needs to Know" is to run away as fast as she can because the man she's involved with is no man. A real man would stand by his wife for better and for worse. -- **HAPPY NOW IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR HAPPY: As difficult as your life has been, I'm pleased to know that you are now in a better place emotionally. Clearly, the time you spent behind bars was not wasted. You did some extremely important work while you were inside, and I know you will put to good use the knowledge you gained while you were there. You go, girl. I wish you the best of luck.

For Better Or Worse



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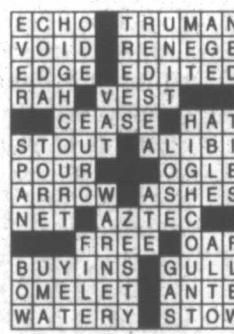


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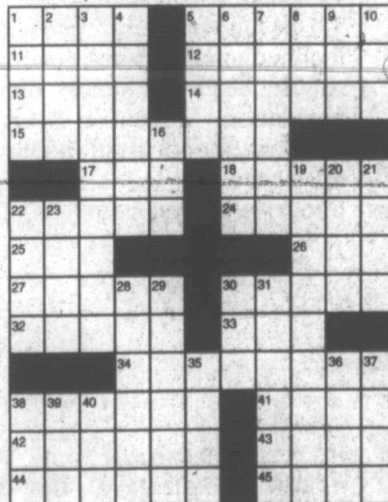
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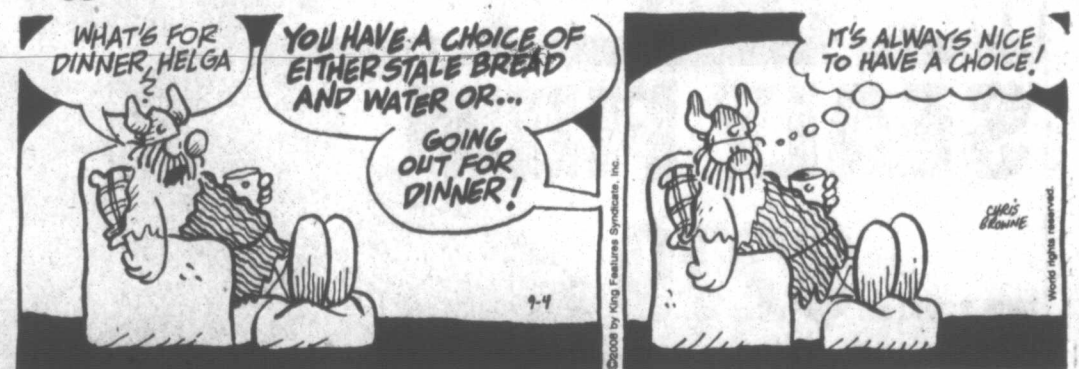
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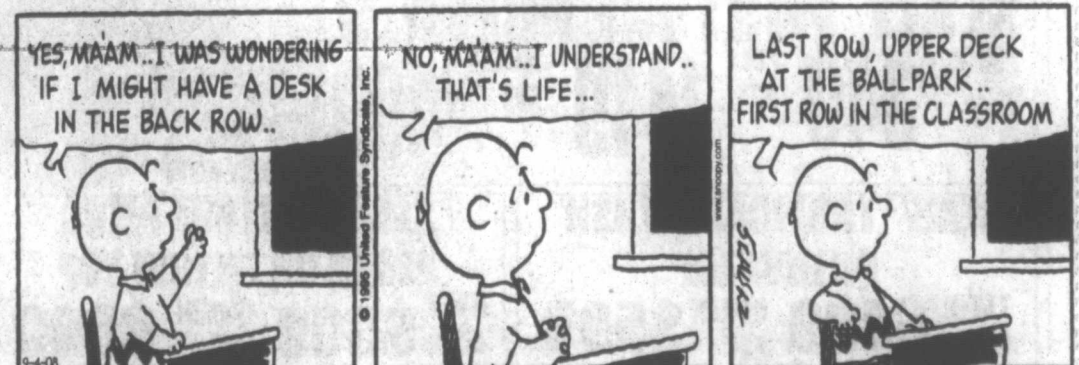
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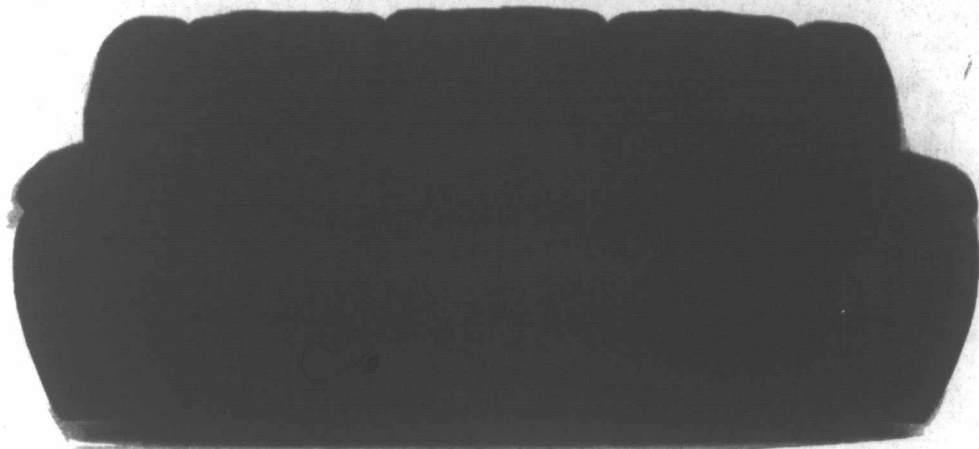


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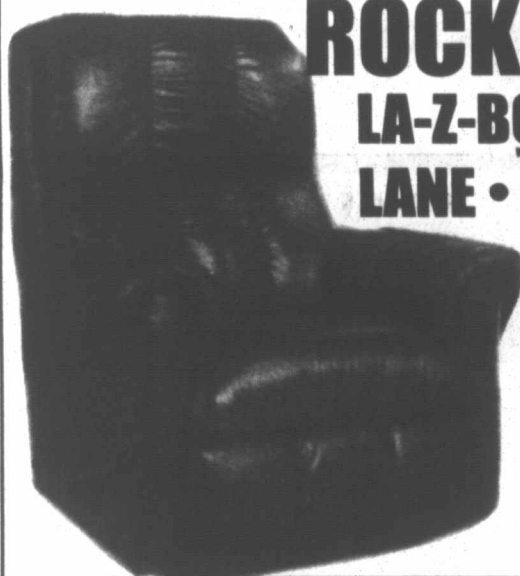


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McCain to kick off final drive for presidency

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Republican presidential nominee John McCain begins his final drive for the White House with a jump-start from running mate Sarah Palin that cast the 72-year-old senator as the obvious choice for a nation hungry for change.

McCain was preparing a prime-time acceptance speech Thursday to the Republican National Convention. He was expected to review his career in public service — first as a Naval Academy midshipman and wartime pilot and then as a 26-year veteran of Congress — while drawing stark policy differences with Democratic opponent Barack Obama.

Democratic critics have questioned Palin's political experience as a small-town mayor and her less than two years as Alaska's governor, but she turned the tables Wednesday night by offering a searing, sometimes sarcastic attack on the opposing ticket.

Obama's own running mate, Joe Biden, complimented Palin on Thursday for delivering an impressive speech with skill but said that issues important to Americans were missing from her remarks.

"I didn't hear the phrase 'middle class' mentioned, I didn't hear a word about health care. I didn't hear a single word about what we're going to do about the housing crisis, college education, all the things that the middle class is being burdened by now," Biden told CBS' "The Early Show."

"There was a deafening silence about

the hole that the Republicans have dug us into and any specific answers as to how the McCain-Palin ticket is going to get us out of that hole," Biden said.

McCain's speech was expected to provide the climax to the four-day convention at the Xcel Energy Center. His wife, Cindy, admitted that she was nervous about addressing delegates herself.

"I'd like people to know what makes me work and what makes me tick and who I am, what I'm all about and where I come from," Cindy McCain told ABC's "Good Morning America" in an interview taped for broadcast Thursday. "I have an interesting story to tell as well in that it combines the two of us and makes us a couple and what we will represent."

Palin joined other Republican speakers Wednesday night in praising McCain as a man of character, a former Vietnam prisoner of war who had spent his early career in the military and had sought to change the ways of politics in Washington.

"In politics, there are some candidates who use change to promote their careers. And then there are those, like John McCain, who use their careers to promote change," said Palin, toying with the central theme in Obama's campaign.

Palin's 19-year-old son, Track, ships out for Iraq next week with his Army unit. The governor was unflinching as she contrasted McCain's military record with a lack of armed service by Obama and Biden.

Events calendar

• **High Plains Public Radio will host its next Living Room Concert** at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at its studio in downtown Amarillo. The concert will feature songwriter and performer Buddy Mondlock. Doors to the free event will open at 7 p.m.

• **Services-To-At-Risk Youth and Their Families** will conduct a free "Back in Control Parenting Workshop" from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 6 at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Children's Services Building in Amarillo. Participants must preregister to join. Instructors will be Janice James, MA, UCAP coordinator, QMHP, and Ruth Sullivan, QMHP, STAR case manager II. Continuing education units will be available. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **The Greater Amarillo Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure** will stage its 2008 "pink luncheon" at 12 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 a piece. For more information, call (806) 354-9706 or visit www.komenamarillo.org on the Internet.

• **Pampa Book Club** is scheduled to meet at Lovett Memorial Library on the following dates: Sept. 10 ("Cool Sassy Tree" by Olive Ann Burns); Oct. 8 ("Facing Terror" by Carrie McDonnell); and Nov. 12 ("Mother of Pearl" by Melinda Haynes).

• **Texas Medical Board** will host a town hall meeting Sept. 9-10 at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Amarillo.

• **The Texas Department of State**

Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, H1N1 (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Institute for Natural Resources** will present a seminar for health care professionals worth six credit hours Oct. 2 at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock and Oct. 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. "Chronic Pain" will be presented by instructor S. Thomas Deahl II, D.M.D., Ph.D. The pre-registration fee is \$82. The seminar will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at both locations. For more information or to register, call 1-800-937-6878.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will host a MIP alcohol awareness program from 6-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in room 209 of the campus. The class fee is \$45 and is limited to the first 25 students. Attendance is required at both classes to receive credit. The class is to be taught by Dennis Burton, Texas Department of State Health Service, and covers the following topics: Possession, consumption, DUI, public intoxication, purchase of alcohol and misrepresentation. For more information, call (806) 898-5300.

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My point is that whatever you do, DON'T advertise in the newsgroups. Use them as they were meant to be used, to facilitate the exchange of useful information between like-minded people.

So, what do you do if your Internet Service Provider does not have Usenet access? Check out some of the free Usenet services available. My favorite is

Google Groups (<http://groups.google.com>). You can participate in many of the discussions. However, binary files cannot be decoded. For access to those files, check out Giganews.com.

If you are brand new to the Usenet, visit news.announce.newusers.FIRST. And, before posting to ANY newsgroup, read it's FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document. Check them out at the Internet FAQ Archive (<http://www.faqs.org>).

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Boy Scout Camp

► Brett Woelfle tried his hand at whittling a bar of soap recently during M.K. Brown Scout Camp. The boys participated in archery, BB gun shooting, swimming, fishing, and arts and crafts.



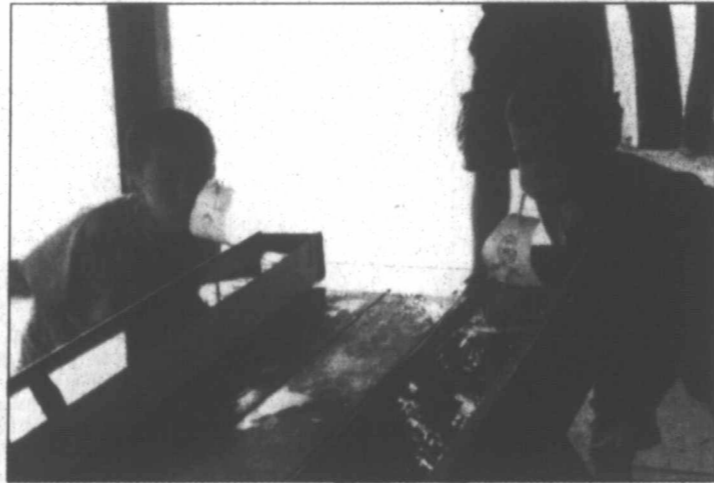
Brett Woelfle of Tiger Cub den pack 423, son of Mike and Angi Woelfle, with Cubmaster Darian Reeves recently during M.K. Brown Scout Camp near Wheeler. The theme this year was "Wild Wild West."



Nikolas DeLeon, left, son of Manuel and Jennifer DeLeon, and Grayson Roberts, son of Jason Roberts, Webelos Den, Pack 423, recently at M.K. Brown Scout Camp near Wheeler.



Manuel DeLeon, left, Webelos Den Leader Pack 423, assists Brett Woelfle in shooting sports M.K. Brown Scout Camp.



Conner Scott, left, son of Shawn and Jun Scott, and Brett Woelfle, son of Mike and Angi Woelfle, both of Tiger Cub Den Pack 423, with Cubmaster Darian Reeves during Raingutter Regatta at M.K. Brown Scout Camp recently.

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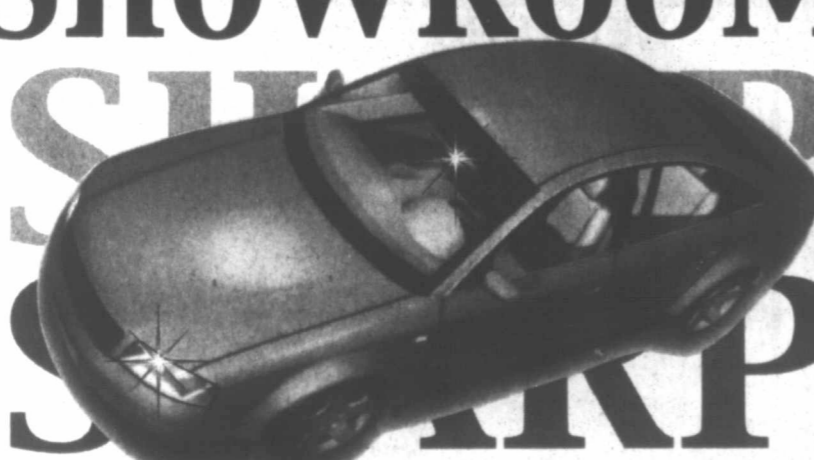
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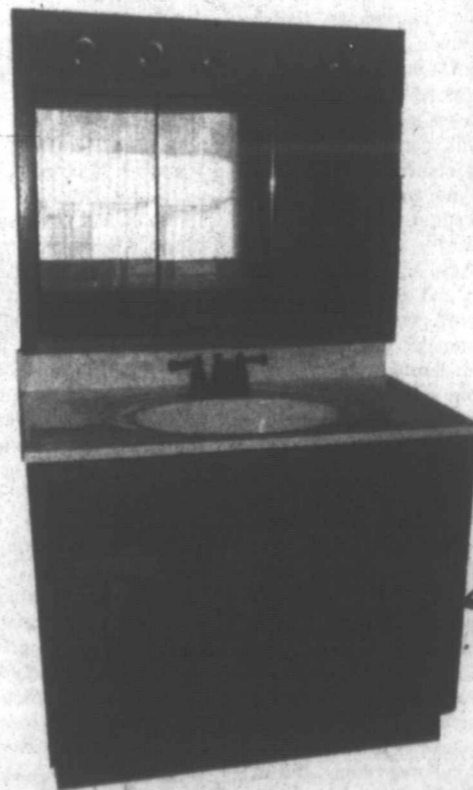
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