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City releases records, numbers on previous EDC

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

With a variety of numbers bouncing around concerning the old Pampa Economic Development Corp., the city of Pampa released records this month indicating that the PEDC spent a little more than \$8.4 million during its existence.

The PEDC, which was voted down in 2001, finally dissolved last summer.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the organization's records showed that during the 13 years of its existence, from 1993 through

2005, the PEDC collected almost \$9.2 million from the half-cent sales tax levied in Pampa for economic development.

Of that, Horst said, \$687,423.52 is now cash on hand. That money passed to the city upon the dissolution of the PEDC.

The PEDC of old was organized under Section 4A of the Texas Development Corporation Act of 1979. It limited actions that could be taken by an economic development corporation. Funds could be used only for manufacturing and industrial projects.

Since closing down the old PEDC, there has been a movement to organize a new one under Section 4B of the state's development act.

A 4B corporation would allow a wider use of economic development funds, including for infrastructure and for existing local businesses.

At an organizational meeting last week of residents supporting a new 4B economic development corporation, several people familiar with the old PEDC admitted that when the organization was first formed, there was a tendency to throw money at projects. That evolved, however, into

a policy of guarantees and accountability, they argued.

"We learned a lot," said Gary Sutherland, who helped oversee the shutting down of the PEDC.

While those opposed to creating a new economic development corporation paint a bleak picture of the accomplishments of Pampa's first effort at economic development, PEDC records show a relatively good record.

"There are some bright spots,"

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Pampa couple, family lucky to escape plane crash

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

One tragedy led to another Wednesday for Bill and Denise Daves of Pampa, whose plane crashed as they were on their way to a murder trial in which Denise's brother was the murder victim.

"We were taking my father and sister to La Junta, Colo., to a murder trial. My brother was killed in May," Denise said.

Bill, who piloted the plane that day, did the recommended preflight checks, including those done before taxiing to the runway and after reaching the runway.

"Everything looked good," Denise said.

It didn't take long for something to go wrong, however.

"We got no more than 80 feet in the air when Bill noticed the engine RPMs and airspeed were not picking up as they were supposed to," she said. "He made a decision to land the plane."

"He didn't have enough runway left ahead of us to land. Directly ahead and to our right were houses and power lines."

"He decided to go left, where there was an open field, so he made a slow left turn," she said in an interview Friday.

The plane was about 10



This 1972 Cessna Skyhawk was involved in a plane crash Wednesday near Blue Sky Airport, one-quarter mile south of McCormick Road near Amarillo. All four occupants, including a Pampa couple, were able to leave the wrecked plane with only minor scratches and bruises.

feet off the ground when Bill noticed they were approaching a multiple-strand barbed wire fence. He pulled up to avoid catching any part of the plane on the fence, and the engine stalled, Denise said.

"We bounced twice, 30 feet on the other side of the fence. The first time, the left wing tip touched the ground and then the nose gear touched the ground and broke off. The second bounce, we were on the landing gear and bounced and lurched forward because the propeller hit the ground. The engine was pushed back toward the passengers," she

said. After the plane came to rest on its nose and landing gear, tilted to the right, Bill asked if everyone was OK. The four exited through the pilot's door and moved away from the plane because Bill had said he smelled fuel, Denise said.

"Dad had his cell phone, and Bill called 911," she said.

The windshield had popped out during the landing, and fuel was dripping from the left fuel tank onto the electric dash panel, she said.

Both fuel tanks were full because the plane had just

taken off on the journey to Colorado. The plane had two fuel tanks, one in each wing, and each tank held 20 gallons of fuel.

"There was a pop and a hiss, and the inside of the plane caught on fire. In less than three minutes, it burned to the ground," Denise said.

"It was the most helpless thing to watch it burn. That plane meant a lot to us," she said.

Bill, 53, had some scratches on his face, possibly from his eyeglasses. Denise, 43, suffered a bruise to her right hip. Denise's father, Bill McIntosh, 72, of Canyon, had some scratches

on his face, also possibly from his eyeglasses, Denise said. Denise's sister, Janie Crumpler, 35, of Panhandle, had no injuries other than a slight overall soreness after the wreck.

The cause of the malfunctions which led to the crash are still under investigation.

"The plane was very well maintained," Denise said. "The guys kept excellent records on it. There just shouldn't have been anything mechanically wrong with it." The plane was insured.

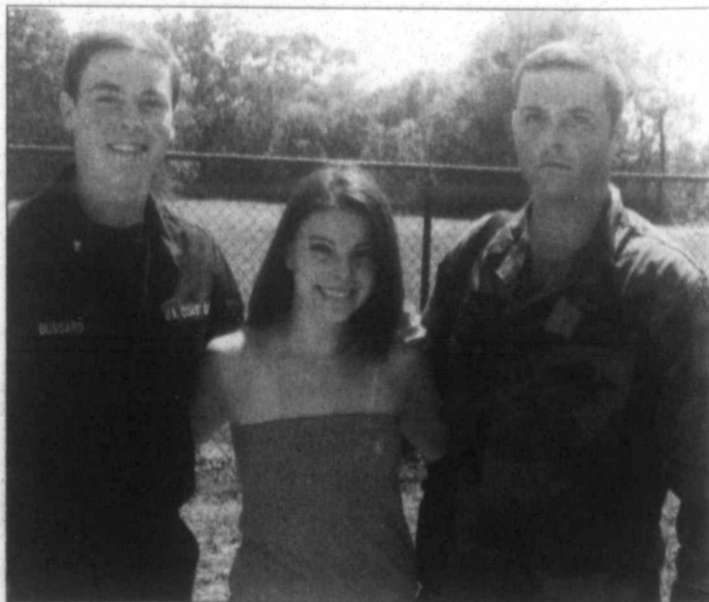
The "guys" are Bill and the other two owners of the plane, Ed McKinney and Audie Conley. Bill has been a part owner of the plane for more than 20 years.

"It was flown weekly, sometimes more than that," Denise said.

Denise and the plane's other owners felt Bill, who has more than 20 years' experience as a pilot, had made the best decision available when he avoided the wire fence, even though it put the plane into a stall.

"If Bill had hit that fence, we would have flipped upside down and we probably would have all been killed," Denise said.

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Ross, from left, Beth and Matt Bussard have an attachment to Louisiana State University.

Pampa siblings involved in rescue efforts on gulf coast

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Political analyst and Louisiana native James Carville says there are three things of importance in the Bayou State -- food, family and football.

The Louisiana State University Tigers, however, couldn't play their home game in Baton Rouge last weekend because of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The area around the stadium, including the field-

house, was packed with evacuees from New Orleans. The game against Arizona State University was played instead in Tempe, Ariz.

LSU televised the game in their stadium at Baton Rouge.

"The students were there in the stadium throwing chicken bones at the television sets," said Mark Buzzard, a Pampa attorney with three children who went to LSU.

All three of the Buzzard

children, Matt, 25; Beth, 23, and Ross, 20, went through the hurricane which caused extensive damage to the coastal regions of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama on Aug. 29, making landfall at 6:10 a.m. that Monday.

"Matt loved LSU," Vanessa Buzzard said.

The Buzzard's oldest son went to LSU and his sister and little brother followed.

Matt went to high school

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Services Monday
MEADOWS, Rosalind Kay — 10 a.m., St. Mark's CME Church, Pampa.
PARKER, Glen Dee "Bud" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Rosalind Kay Meadows, 39

Rosalind Kay Meadows, 39, of Pampa, died Sept. 15, 2005, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at St. Mark's CME Church with the Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Meadows

Miss Meadows was born Dec. 21, 1965, in Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She was a member of St. Mark's CME Church.

She was preceded in death by her grand-

parents, Alma Powell and Charlie Powell, Jr.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Bea and James Taylor of Pampa; two sisters, Rotounda Lockett of Cedar Hill and Cynthia Ellis of Irving; two stepbrothers, Calvin Taylor of Amarillo and James W. Taylor of Borger; and two stepsisters, Larissa Reeves of Seattle, Wash., and Rachel Adkism of Waco.

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Glen Dee 'Bud' Parker, 59

Glen Dee "Bud" Parker, 59, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 15, 2005, at Tyler, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Parker was born Dec. 12, 1945, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Borger since 1970, moving to Pampa in 2005. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War.

He worked for Phillips Petroleum in Borger for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Canada of Palestine and Beverly Wollitz of Lorena; one son, Michael Parker of San Juan

Capistrano, Calif.; one sister, Joann Nash of Amarillo; three brothers, Bob Parker of Pampa, Don Parker of Borger and Jim Parker of Austin; one granddaughter, Coral Wollitz of Lorena; and four grandsons, Casey Canada and Logan Canada, both of Palestine, Shane Hutton of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., and Bryce Wollitz of Lorena.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Odessa Parker; a son, Glen D. Parker, Jr.; and a brother, Gerald Dean Parker.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005.

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Avedon's 'American West' exhibit returns after 20 years

By ANGELA K. BROWN
 Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Richard Avedon's larger-than-life black-and-white photographs of solemn coal miners, slaughterhouse workers, drifters and even a teenager holding a gutted rattlesnake evoked strong reactions 20 years ago when first displayed in the Amon Carter Museum.

Some were moved to tears by the honesty of the "In the American West" exhibit. Others were angry, because they thought Avedon was making fun of the working class, or that images of the West should only be beautiful and heroic.

Now, 78 of the 124 portraits in the original exhibit

are on display again at the museum for a 20th anniversary exhibit, which opened Saturday and runs through Jan. 8.

"He's capturing the look of labor and directly addressing stereotypes of the West," said John Rohrbach, the museum's senior curator of photographs. "I don't think people will be as shocked and upset because they're coming in knowing what it's about. That's not to say people are not going to have difficulty with some of the images."

Avedon died last year at 81, suffering a brain hemorrhage while working on assignment in San Antonio for The New Yorker.

He is credited for redefining fashion photography as

an art form, but he received critical acclaim through his stark black-and-white portraits. Among his best-known works is "Nothing Personal," a collection of unflattering photographs he shot in the 1960s of affluent Americans, including former President Eisenhower and Marilyn Monroe.

Several years later, while recovering in Montana after a heart attack, Avedon took a picture of a ranch foreman. When then-Carter Museum director Mitchell A. Wilder saw the portrait in a magazine, he commissioned similar pictures to launch the "In the American West" project in 1979.

Avedon went to 13 western states over the next five years.

He chose people at rodeos, fairs or on the job — from a beautiful freckle-faced, overall-clad 12-year-old Colorado girl to a grimy Oklahoma oil field worker.

The pictures show every wrinkle, mole, pimple and even chipped fingernail polish.

Boyd Fortin was 13 when Avedon approached him and his father at the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup.

Fortin remembers standing in front of Avedon's white backdrop for three photo shoots over two days, posing with one or two dead snakes. Avedon kept telling him not to smile.

HIGH COURT

President turning focus on second court vacancy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Chief Justice-nominee John Roberts cruising toward confirmation, President Bush is turning his attention to a second vacancy on the nine-member Supreme Court.

The president extended invitations Friday to key Senate leaders to meet at the White House this week to discuss the seat held by retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

At the same time, several officials said White House counsel Harriett Miers has made calls to senators to discuss the subject.

O'Connor, who has helped uphold a woman's right to an abortion and has long been a swing vote on a narrowly divided court, announced her retirement earlier this summer. Bush initially named Roberts to replace her, but the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist two weeks ago abruptly altered the transition.

Moving quickly, the president announced he wanted Roberts to become chief justice, and said he would find a new replacement for O'Connor.

There was no reaction to Bush's invitation to the

meeting from either Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., or Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

'It's a good first step, but consultation is a two-way street.'

— Patrick Leahy
 Vermont senator

Both Democrats on the guest list issued challenges of sorts to the White House.

"It's a good first step, but consultation is a two-way street," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, who led the Democratic questioning of Roberts at committee confirmation hearings that ended Thursday.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada issued a statement saying that O'Connor has "been a voice of reason and moderation on the court. It is vital that she be replaced by someone like her, someone who embodies the fundamental American values of freedom, equality and fairness."

Officials said Miers had called at least two Senate Democrats, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Evan Bayh of Indiana. Mikulski's office declined to confirm the call, even though an aide had confided earlier in the day to a roomful of other Democrats that it occurred. Bayh's spokesman said he did not know the reason for Miers' call.

Roberts, an appeals court judge and former Reagan administration lawyer, sailed through his hearings and is on track for confirmation in time to take his seat on the court before the new term begins on Oct. 3.

The biggest issue surrounding his appointment is the size of his vote, and in particular, how many Democrats join Republicans in approving his appointment as the nation's 17th chief justice.

At the same time, People For the American Way, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and other liberal groups that oppose Roberts' confirmation plan intensive lobbying efforts in the coming days in hopes of holding his vote to a minimum.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents.

Friday, Sept. 16

Officers conducted seven traffic stops; assisted the fire department in the 1400 block of South Hobart Street; assisted EMS in the 1100 block of Neel Road; assisted law enforcement in the 200 block of North Russell St., and the 2300 block of West Alcock St.; responded to two business alarms in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway and the 300 block of West Kingsmill Avenue, respectively; and provided one welfare check in the 600 block of North Dwight St.

Prowlers were reported in the 500 block of Doucette St., and the 2100 block of North Sumner St.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Yeager and Hill streets.

Public intoxication was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester Ave.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of West Alcock St.

Forgery was reported in the 1000 block of South Price Road.

Offense against family was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart St.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart St.

Found property was reported at the PD. A traffic complaint was received at the PD.

Disorderly conduct-other was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather St.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1900 block of Coffee St.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart St., and the 500 block of Rider St.

Criminal mischief, graffiti on a house, was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia St.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from a pay phone on Highway 60 East.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Jessica Carol Smith, 17, 1029 N. Dwight, was arrested by GCSO for a capias pro fine for disrupting class.

Marshall Gordon Welsh, 19, 733 N. Zimmers, was arrested by GCSO for minor in possession of alcohol.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Sept. 16

4:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, on a hazardous material spill. The firefighters cleaned up a gas spill that had leaked out from a vehicle onto the ground.

4:40 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road on a call for medical assistance.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. Southwest wind around 15 mph.
 Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
 Partly cloudy, with a low near 65. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 89. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.
 Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m.
 Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind around 10 mph.
 Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 91.
 South-southeast wind around 10 mph.
 Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.
 South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

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Dear Family, Friends, All People that believe in the power of prayer & Church Families.
 I just wanted to thank each and everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, cards, phone-calls etc. As you know I was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma on both of my kidneys. At first there was just to be one on each side and they told me that I would most likely lose both kidneys. WOW! There is at least a five-year waiting list for a donor kidney. I won't go into details but I ended up in Dallas at the University of Texas Medical School. Thanks to a couple of great Doctors that knew I needed help fast and they knew that it was more than they could handle. It takes a devoted person to say that after years of being a Doctor, this was going to take one better qualified than them, and I greatly thank them for this.
 Well as it turned out after my first surgery on the left kidney I had three grade-five tumors attached to the kidney, the most severe you can get. The first was a grapefruit size, and the second a lemon size, and the third a grape size. They cut all three out and were able to save 3/4 of my kidney function.
 The second operation on the right kidney, the one that was to be the better, turned out to be the worst. They found what they called a blood clot tumor inside the kidney and part of this tumor was starting to grow into one of the major blood vessels that feeds the kidney blood to purify. If the Doctor had of not known that the other kidney was bad enough he would have just removed this one. But someone had their arms around me and he helped the doctor remove and then tug on the root that was growing into the blood vessel and he believes it all came out. We will know for sure in about three months. What a Christmas gift. The second tumor was about grape size and also was removed. As you have heard many times about the power of prayer it does work, but also some people just don't make it because it is just their time or they wait too long to ask for help. Men are the worst so don't be MACHO just do it. Also HELP is out there for all, just get after it and ask. Cancer can hit anyone, young or old, rich or poor. So there is no excuse for not asking for help. Be persistent! Think Positive!
 I also have some family members who need prayers and I wish you to keep them in your prayers for me.
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Hurricane relief



David Cain, left, general manager of Cabot Corp., presents an envelope containing \$5,790 to Jana Gregory, executive director of the Eastern Panhandle American Red Cross in Pampa. Cabot employees raised \$2,895 for victims of Hurricane Katrina, and Cain matched that with Cabot funds. The money will aid in resettling evacuees from the hurricane ruins.

Pampa News Photo by DENNIS SPIES

Religion, Constitution topics of upcoming panel discussion at WT

CANYON — One of the intriguing aspects of the U.S. Constitution is how it addresses the separation of church and state.

That will be the topic at West Texas A&M University when some political scientists and a local pastor assemble at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom for a panel discussion billed as "The United States Constitution and Religion."

The panel discussion is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Wade Shaffer, professor of history and head of the Department of History, Political Science and Criminal Justice, will serve as moderator for three panelists.

Dr. James Calvi, professor of political science, and Dr. David Rausch, associate professor of political science, will be joined on the panel by Dr. David Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church of Canyon.

"We'd like to pack the place and get into a good old-fashioned discussion about what should be a relevant topic to every American," Shaffer said.

"Just what the authors of the Constitution had in mind and how the courts interpret it today — from the Pledge of Allegiance to the Ten Commandments — is intriguing stuff."

Calvi will talk about the intent of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and why it is what courts often rely on to decide matters of church and state.

Rausch will discuss the state of religion and how it was perceived when the Constitution was drafted in 1787. Lowrie brings a non-academic perspective to the discussion and will address religion and the Constitution today.

For more information about the panel discussion, contact Shaffer at 806-651-2430.

Gray County 4-Hers compete in Collingsworth steer show

Three Gray County 4-H members recently competed in the Collingsworth County Jackpot Steer Show, judged by Greg and B.J. Schillings.

The three 4-Hers placed as follows:

Ring A and B. Kelby Rucker, champion angus; Courtney Crawford, second place, Heavy Chianina; and Ashlee Lucas, fourth place, Heavy Simmental.

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Viewpoints

A child's imagination is limitless, free

I have a 10-year-old grandson who I don't see too often because he lives with his mother (his parents are not married to each other).

So I thought I would call him on a Saturday and take him to lunch, spend a little time with him.

He went with me to get a haircut (and thoroughly enthralled the woman who cuts my hair), the auto parts store for an air filter where he helped me pick out the correct part for my car, and then to Chili's for lunch.

He told me that he was having a wonderful time, and ever since I picked him up earlier, it was one of the best days of his life (this kid

is going to be a salesman).

He ordered cheese pizza off the kids' menu, and when he wanted ranch dressing in which to dip his pizza (kids nowadays have strange eating habits), I looked for our waitress.

She had told us her name like they all do, but I can never remember the name or the face. Funny thing, that.

So the kid asks me, "Grandpa, do you remember the waitress's name?"

"No," I replied. "I seldom remember them."

"Well, that's why we're family," he said. "I can never remember their names either."

While we were riding around, he discovered the

seat controls. Before long, he had the passenger seat in a reclining position and said, "I couldn't drive a car like this. I'd go to sleep."

I asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up, and he said he'd like to be a builder or work in a laboratory and mix chemicals.

Hmmm, I thought. Sounds like he wants to be a chemist or a scientific researcher.

Then he said, "I would work and work with different chemicals until I found

the right stuff to make me into a super hero and I could fly away."

It was then I knew he had been reading too many Spiderman comic books.

It was an enjoyable experience, and I'm sure we'll do it again.

A U.S. District Judge in California, Lawrence Karlton, last week declared the Pledge of Allegiance to be unconstitutional. He ruled the words "under God" violate a child's right

to be "free from coercive requirement to affirm God."

Karlton said he would issue restraining orders against all schools in his area of jurisdiction in the Sacramento area.

I think it's time for Mr. Common Sense to strap on his cape and take a journey to the West Coast.

I am a supporter of separation of church and state. I think the framers of the Constitution were right in drawing a line between the two to prevent organized religion from taking over the government.

I do not think that the wise men who wrote our Constitution had in mind that a simple pledge to a flag

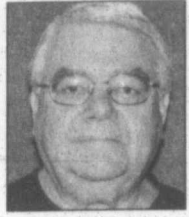
using the words "under God" would be banned.

Last week I bemoaned the fact that when gasoline prices go up, they increase overnight or in a matter of hours. An analyst said prices would begin to come down, but they would "trickle down" gradually.

Well, it didn't take as long as I thought it would. I paid \$2.51 a gallon in Amarillo Friday morning.

So gasoline prices are down about 50 cents a gallon. What will it take for them to come down another 50 cents? Realistically, I do not think that will happen.

Dennis Spies
Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2005. There are 104 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Sept. 18, 1905, actress Greta Garbo was born in Stockholm, Sweden, while actor Eddie "Rochester" Anderson was born in Oakland, Calif.

'Your joys and sorrows. You can never tell them. You cheapen the inside of yourself if you do tell them.'

— Greta Garbo
Swedish-born actress
(1905-1990)

On this date:

In 1793, President Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1810, Chile declared its independence from Spain.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which allowed slave-owners to reclaim slaves who had escaped to other

states.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

Our readers write

City needs an economic development board to keep housing values up

I am so proud of our mayor and city council for taking a strong stand for another PEDC. I admire leaders taking a stand on what could be controversial.

After we voted out our last PEDC, we had zero chance of getting any new manufacturing jobs. Towns all around us were able to recruit new plants. Our growth now is only a spin-off from our new oil boom. It's just a carbon copy of our boom in the 80s.

Everyone should remember our Pampa Mall being built. Now it's almost completely closed down, and down the road is our new oil boom named Wal-Mart.

Maybe, with a new PEDC, we will again have a chance for new manufacturing jobs. This time, our retail businesses must take a positive stand in the election.

In the last election, they were all afraid to take a stand. They should all run ads, put up posters and tell everyone that their businesses depend on NEW money, and that only plants and new money will ensure their very survival.

The extra sales tax is no more than eating out a few times a year.

The value of our houses went down a great deal after

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A memorial to political correctness ...

On Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people died when terrorists attacked the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center. Now the survivors are being attacked by people carrying the banner of political correctness.

When you would expect to find a memorial filled with artifacts of the tragedy designed to bring to life the memories of 9/11 you will instead find a shrine to political correctness and an expiation of liberal guilt. When it opens in 2010, most of the so-called International Freedom Center will be devoted to a series of cringing mea culpas for America's alleged mistreatment of slaves and Native Americans and prisoners in Abu Ghraib, along with the tragedy of Soviet gulags and the Third Reich's Holocaust.

Debra Burlingame sits on the board of directors of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation. She

is also the sister of Charles F. "Chic" Burlingame III, pilot of American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon on 9/11. She wrote in *The Wall Street Journal* in June that visitors to Ground Zero will

"want a vantage point that allows them to take in the sheer scope of the destruction, to see the footage and the photographs and hear the personal stories of unbearable heartbreak and unimaginable courage. They will want the memorial to take them back to who they were on that brutal September morning."

"Instead, they will get a memorial that stubbornly refuses to acknowledge the yearning to return to that day. Rather than a respectful tribute to our individual and

collective loss, they will get a slanted history lesson, a didactic lecture on the meaning of liberty in a post-9/11 world. They will be served up a heaping foreign policy discussion over the greater meaning of Abu Ghraib and what it portends for the country and the rest of the world.

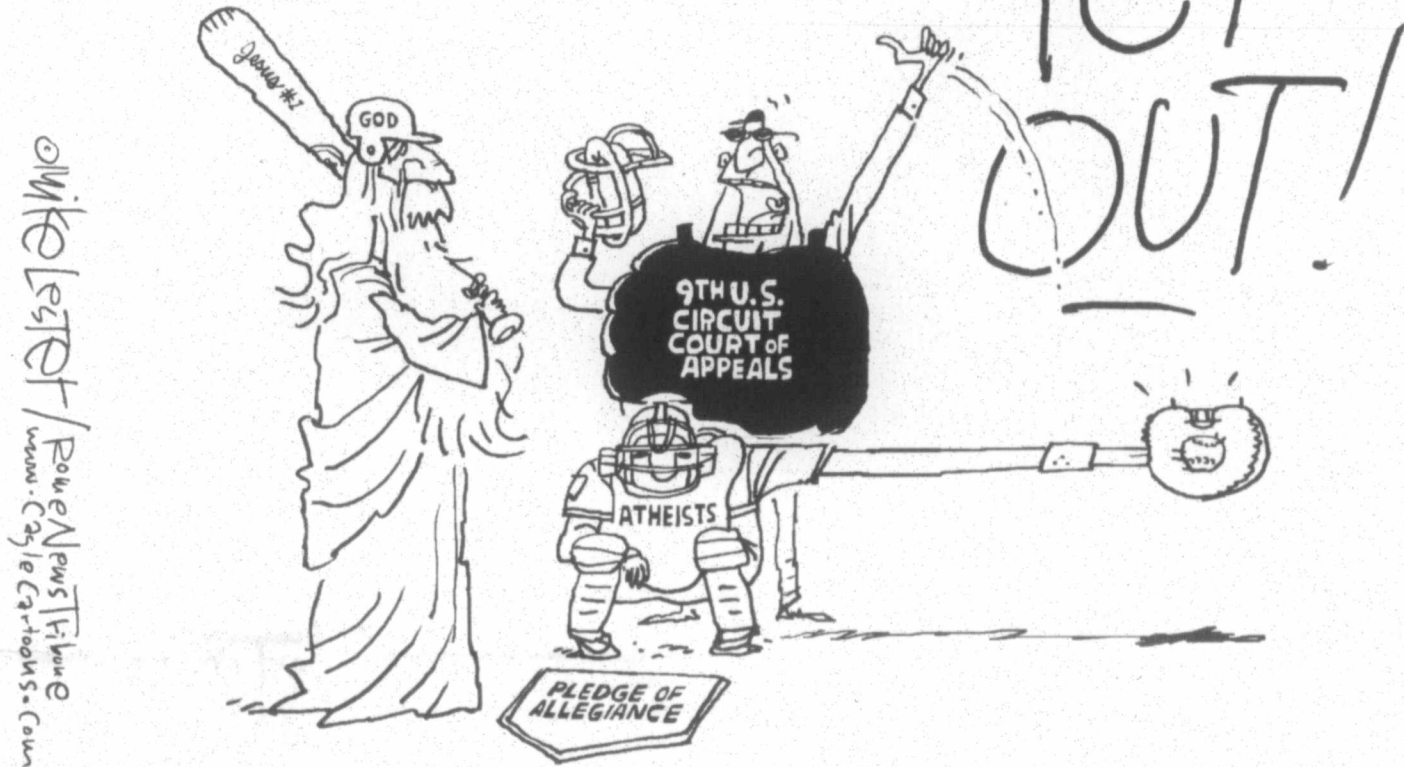
While the International Freedom Center is getting 300,000 square feet of space to teach visitors how to think about liberty, the actual Memorial Center on the opposite corner of the site will get a meager 50,000 square feet to exhibit its 9/11 artifacts, all out of sight and underground." Debra added that there is simply no room for most of the cherished artifacts salvaged from Ground Zero. "But the International

Freedom Center will have ample space to present us with exhibits about Chinese dissidents and Chilean refugees."

This outrage is the work of a collection of far-left crazies, including the anti-American ACLU, who are dishonoring the memory of those who died and their survivors in order to promote their corrupt agendas. They want us to acknowledge our alleged guilt for what happened to Native Americans and slaves even though not a single one of us ever killed a Native American or mistreated a slave, much less ever owned one.

I don't go to Pearl Harbor to read how Native Americans or slaves or victims of the Holocaust suffered, or silly reasons why the Japanese were justified in attacking us. I go there to honor fallen Americans who

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War: Terrorism is a method, not an enemy

What's in a name? Some people in the national security establishment believe the key to victory in the war on terror lies in what we call it.

That war, known by the acronym WOT since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, became the GWOT the global war on terror.

But as security experts frequently noted, terrorism is a method, not an enemy.

So some folks in the Pentagon and on the National Security Council thought it better to call it a war on extremism.

That name has the advantage of hinting at an actual

enemy. It also suggests the ideological dimension of the war.

But the war on extremism suffers from a poor acronym. W O E G W O E isn't any better.

The latest incarnation of the effort to rebrand GWOT came earlier this summer in the form of GSAVE the global struggle against violent extremism.

GSAVE is, again, more precise than GWOT in some

respects. But it also sounds too contrived and too bland to describe a conflict in which thousands of

Americans are losing their lives.

GSAVE might make a great slogan for a campaign to encourage people to open thrift accounts, but it's a poor moniker for a war against terrorists.

President Bush, thankfully, hasn't bought into the GSAVE effort. He continues to call it a war, not a strug-

gle, on terror. He's right, even if the formulation doesn't hold up well under intellectual scrutiny.

If there were truth in martial advertising, it might be called the global war against violent extremism.

But GWAVE, with connotations of surfing and tropical fruit, is even less descriptive than the benign GSAVE.

Official acronyms are ultimately meaningless to the men and women on the front lines of the war on terror.

That which we call a war by any other name would be as bloody and painful for those who are its casualties.

Texas Thoughts

San Antonio Express-News

Family

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at a Marine Corps military academy in Harlingen and at one time thought about a military career. He'd planned on attending Texas A&M University, his father said, but a last minute visit to LSU changed his mind.

"He joined the National Guard," Vanessa said, and that turned out to be both a blessing and a curse.

His unit, the 769th Combat Engineer Battalion, was called up and deployed to Afghanistan in late 2001 and early 2002.

More recently, it was called up the Saturday before Katrina devastated the gulf coast.

The battalion is based in Gonzales, La., about half way between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. It served both as a huge staging area for relief south into New Orleans and the first stop for evacuees headed north out of the Crescent City.

"That's where Matt's stationed now," Mark said.

Matt's already been told his unit will probably remain on active duty for several more months as rescue efforts turn to rebuilding.

Ross was also involved in relief efforts. A Coast Guard reservist, he was assigned to the Coast Guard Station on Lake Pontchartrain.

"His unit will probably be occupied for a long time," Mark said.

After the rescue phase of the hurricane effort, the Coast Guard will be involved in making the Mississippi River navigable again.

President of his fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Order, Ross went through the hurricane alone at the fraternity house. As soon as the relief effort started, he made the fraternity's commercial ice machine available to the Red Cross.

Ross organized the fraternities and sororities on campus and went to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to see what they could do. FEMA said there was already plenty of food and water in Baton Rouge for the evacuees, so the fraternities and sororities started bringing in Popsicles and treats for the kids in the shelters.

The Buzzards' were in Baton Rouge Aug. 11, for their daughter's graduation. Beth had earned a master's degree in accounting and started her new job as an auditor Monday in Princeton, N.J.

The initial plan was for her father to return to Baton Rouge Labor Day and drive with his daughter up to New Jersey.

Beth was upset, Mark said.

"She said, 'I'm leaving all my friends,'" Mark said.

He said that many of her friends had gotten jobs in New Orleans and were now unemployed. Some of them, who had jobs with national companies, have been relocated to other parts of the

country.

After the hurricane, Mark went down before Labor Day.

Beth's roommate was from New Orleans and her roommate's family moved into Beth's and her roommate's apartment. Many other students' families also moved in with their children.

Mark said the student housing complex looked like a refugee center. He commended LSU and Baton Rouge for the help the school gave the evacuees.

Baton Rouge, Mark said, doubled in size as some 250,000 evacuees from New Orleans and the surrounding area moved north to the state capitol city.

"The LSU quarterback said on national TV from Arizona that 15 to 20 people were in his apartment, including Fats Domino," Mark said.

Vanessa said that while Baton Rouge suffered some wind damage, the destruction was not as devastating as the damage to New Orleans.

The wind knocked down trees and power lines.

The worst part of it for the Buzzards was that there was no communications. The power was out. Phone lines were down, and cell phones didn't work because the towers were knocked down or damaged.

Matt was able to get through on military lines of communications.

There was a bright spot in all this, Mark grinned, LSU beat Arizona State, 35-31.

▶ Sorting stuffed animals to send to young Hurricane Katrina victims are, from left, Shane Stephenson, Paulette Hinson and Salvation Army Captain Patricia Steward. The Home League Women's Group is sponsoring a city-wide baby shower and open house from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler. Items for infants and new clothing for young children up to age 4 are sought.



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"If you're 1,000 feet in the air, you can turn your engine off and glide to the ground because you've got time.

Bill had inches and seconds to make a decision."

"He never even scratched a plane until Wednesday," she said.

The Cessna had a long local history. Before Bill, Conley and McKinney

owned it, it was located at Skellytown, where it was flown by the Skellytown American Flyers, a group of amateur pilots who flew it to various locations including Canada and Alaska.

EDC

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Horst acknowledged.

Of 21 projects involving the PEDC, only four show a loss.

Several of the projects backed by the PEDC went out of business, but in many cases they were taken over or sold to new businesses.

Two dairies financed by the PEDC closed shop, both leaving the PEDC with debt, but there are today two dairies operating where the first ones shut down.

Of the four businesses in which the PEDC guaranteed loans, three required no expenditures. The fourth, the old Coronado Inn, cost the PEDC \$22,000 on a \$100,000 loan guarantee.

The other three, International Compression Systems, Miami Roustabout and Great Plains Bow, paid back their loans in full, Horst said.

It received financial incentives worth \$649,000 and created 75 jobs with an

annual payroll of \$1.4 million.

Even those that left the PEDC with debt created new jobs.

The Moody Dairy, which got slightly more than a million dollars, created 24 jobs with an annual payroll of almost \$350,000. The Top of Texas Dairy created 16 jobs with an annual payroll of \$137,000.

Crall Products has been taken over by a Pampa businessman and appears to be doing well, Horst said.

Control Equipment, which received a financial incentive package costing \$17,000, created three new jobs and is still in business in Pampa.

Although Scribner Welding no longer occupies its building at U.S. 60 and Price Road, the building has been rented and Scribner Welding is current in its payments to the city on its loan from the PEDC.

American Energy, which got financial incentives worth more than \$400,000, closed down, but the city owns the building and rents it to another company for

\$2,000 a month.

The city also owns the building that U.S. Bus occupied and rents part of it to CentraMedia. The other part will be occupied by a business incubator.

U.S. Bus, which also left the PEDC with some debt, was given a financial package worth \$1.8 million, the largest package made available by the PEDC. That financial package included loans and building renovations.

The Baten Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice received a grant of \$412,000 and provided 68 jobs with a payroll of almost \$12 million annually. The PEDC also provided Clarendon College with a grant of \$300,000.

In total, PEDC records show 260 jobs created over the 13-year period with a total annual payroll of \$6.4 million using \$4.1 million in financial incentives.

The total increase in tax values, Horst said, was \$5.4 million.

"That's \$108,000 in annual taxes to the city or county," he said.

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our last boom was over. With our new boom, they have gone back up some,

but without new money, their value will fall again.

I don't know about anyone else, but I would like my house to hold its value. Someday, I might want to sell. Regardless of who sells it (me or my heirs), I

would like it to be worth something. Pampa needs a revival of its economy, and only a new economic development board will do that for us.

Calvin Lacy
Pampa

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died while serving our country.

If we allow these whacked-out liberals to get away with this we will deserve the scorn of every American who loves this country and honors those who gave their lives in its service.

This is an outrage, but you don't hear about it in the mainstream media. CBS, NBC and ABC are too busy trying to pin the results of a

national disaster in New Orleans on the president to tell the American people what is going on at Ground Zero. The protests of the survivors of those who perished on 9/11 go unheard.

I'll give the final words to Debra Burlingame: "The people who visit Ground Zero in five years will come because they want to pay their respects at the place where heroes died. They will come because they want to remember what they saw that day, because they want a personal connection, to touch the place that touched

them, the place that rallied the nation and changed their lives forever. I would wager that, if given a choice, they would rather walk through that dusty hangar at JFK Airport where 1,000 World Trade Center artifacts are stored than be herded through the International Freedom Center's multi-million-dollar insult.

"Ground Zero has been stolen, right from under our noses. How do we get it back?"

—Mike Reagan is the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan.

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Texas Crop & Weather Report: Bumper sunflower crop expected

By CRYSTAL POLASEK
Texas A&M News

COLLEGE STATION — Sunflower demand will keep up with production, which has more than doubled statewide, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension specialist and Texas A&M University associate department head for soil and crop sciences, said 38,000 acres were harvested in 2004 and an estimated 80,000 acres will be harvested this year.

"Conditions were good in the High Plains for sunflowers, with above-average moisture," he said. "Historically, most of our sunflower production has been in the High Plains, but in the last couple of years, we have seen a significant increase in South Texas."

More acres were planted this year on the High Plains because stormy weather and hail damaged the cotton crop in June, Miller said. Farmers planted sunflowers to replace lost cotton acreage.

Dr. Stephen Livingston, Extension agronomist in Corpus Christi, said sunflowers have become a popular crop choice in South Texas because of price. Lower-than-average production in northern states made prices skyrocket.

"The price of sunflowers has increased from 12

(cents) to 16 cents per pound," he said, "and when that happens, it makes sense to plant what brings profit."

According to the National Sunflower Association, North Dakota is the leading state for production and South Dakota ranks second.

"They simply haven't been able to get enough confectionary-type sunflowers planted in South Dakota," he said, "and it's a good crop for Texas, (so) I expect acreage to (continue to increase)."

Miller said confectionary sunflowers "are the type you see salted and roasted for human consumption, or perhaps in salad bars to add a little protein and crunch to your salad."

"They have nearly twice the market value of oilseed sunflowers, although we typically have higher yields on the oilseed types. Sunflowers are also grown for birdseed."

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist in Lubbock, said harvest was late in South Dakota because weather conditions delayed planting.

"The quickest way to cover (that) shortfall was to contract acres below San Antonio, in the Corpus Christi region, and in the lower Rio Grande Valley."

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Technology student scholarships

Jan Haynes, office technology instructor at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, recently accepted a check from Jerry Wilson, executive vice president of Titan Specialties, Ltd., for office technology student scholarships courtesy of Titan Specialties. The office technology program is in its 25th year at CCPC.

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Amarillo Museum to host guest lecturer

AMARILLO — Amarillo Museum of Art will host Dr. Richard S. Field, curator of Prints and Drawings, emeritus, and assistant director of Yale University Art Gallery, for "An Afternoon with a Scholar."

Dr. Field will conduct a slide presentation and lec-

ture starting at 2 p.m. Oct. 2 in the museum library.

Dr. Field will discuss "Jasper Johns and Uncertainty: The Artist's and the Viewer's."

Field, an art historian, has taught university art courses, curated exhibitions, published numerous books and

essays and served on both regional and national art councils.

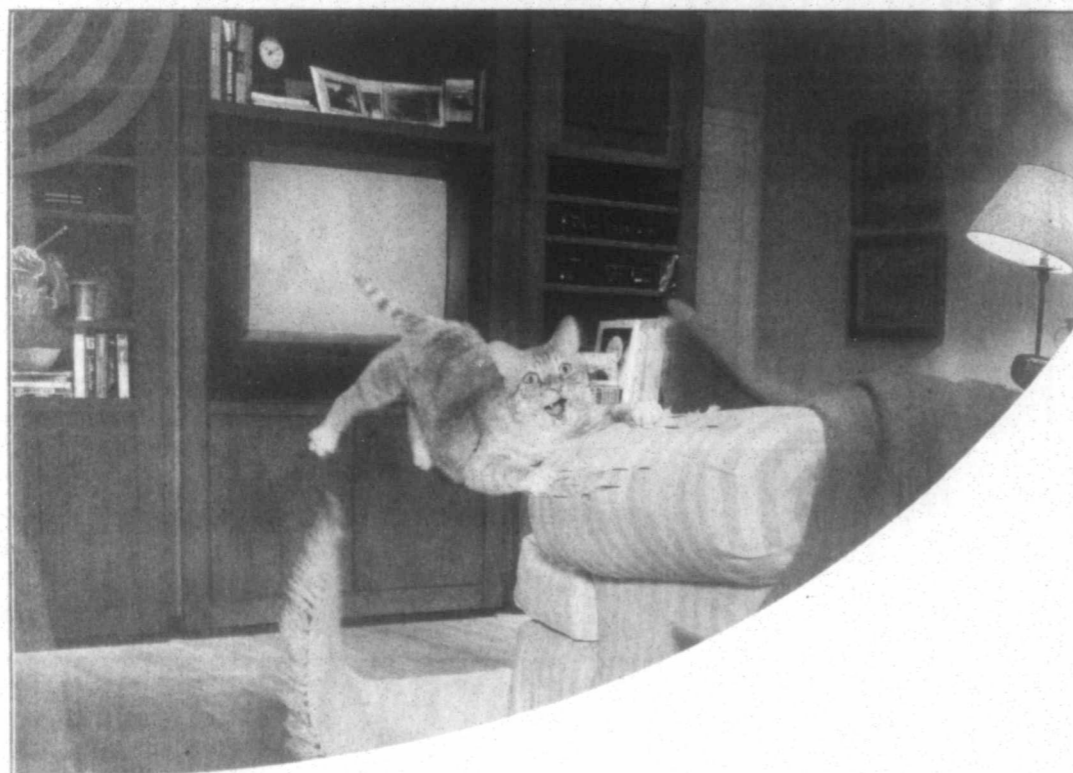
He has organized and curated shows at such museums as National Gallery of Art, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Metropolitan Museum of Art.

His areas of study include

15th century woodcuts, contemporary printmaking and photography.

He has authored three books on Jasper Johns.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.



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University to conduct annual Graduate and Professional School Fair this month

CANYON — Students interested in pursuing an advanced degree can find all the information they need during West Texas A&M University's Graduate and Professional School Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons.

The one-day event is designed to streamline the search and give students an opportunity to meet school representatives face-to-face and investigate the options available at graduate and/or professional schools.

Representatives from graduate programs as well as professional schools in law, medicine, pharmacy, allied health

and business will be available to visit, distribute information and answer questions.

Schools scheduled to participate in the come-and-go event include graduate school representatives from WTAMU, University of North Texas, Tarleton State and Texas Tech University. Representatives from professional schools include Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Texas Tech School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech School of Allied Health, Texas Wesleyan School of Law and University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work.

This is the fourth year for WTAMU's Career and

Counseling Services to sponsor a Graduate and Professional School Fair.

"It's a good opportunity for everyone to come and find out what options are available," Kim Muller, assistant director of career and counseling services, said. "It gives the students a chance to get general information about a variety of programs available at the graduate level."

The Graduate and Professional School Fair is open to any individual interested in finding out more about graduate school. For more information, call Career and Counseling Services at 806-651-2345.

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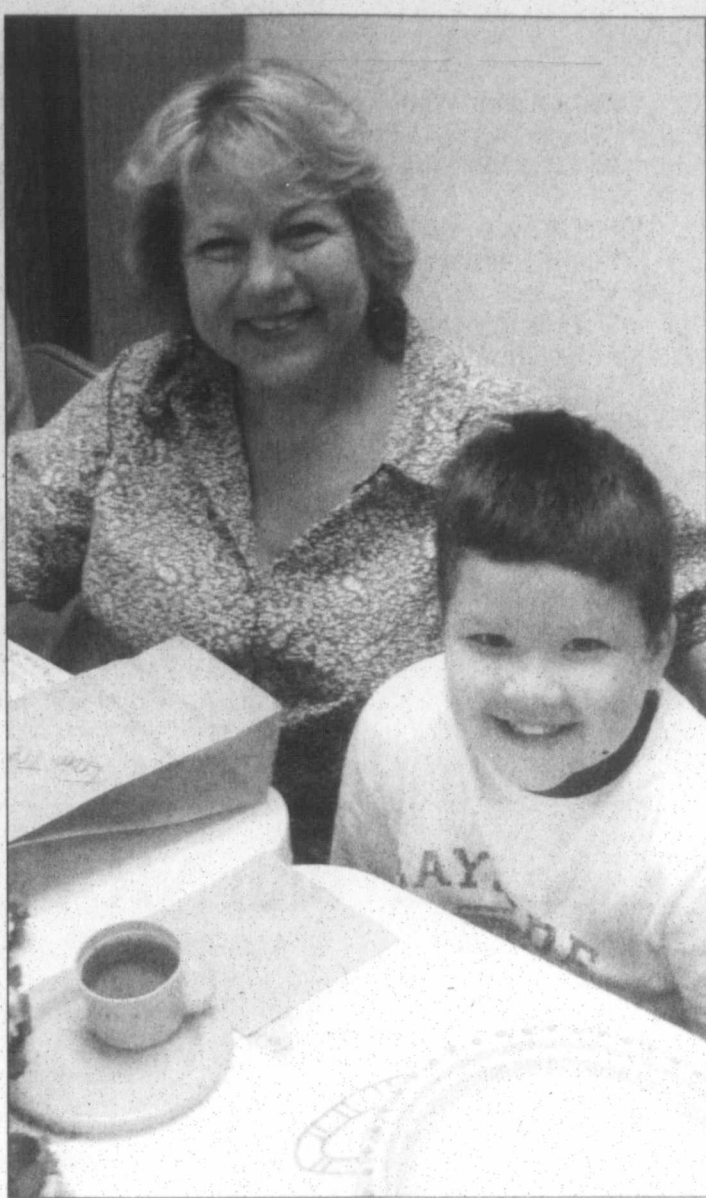
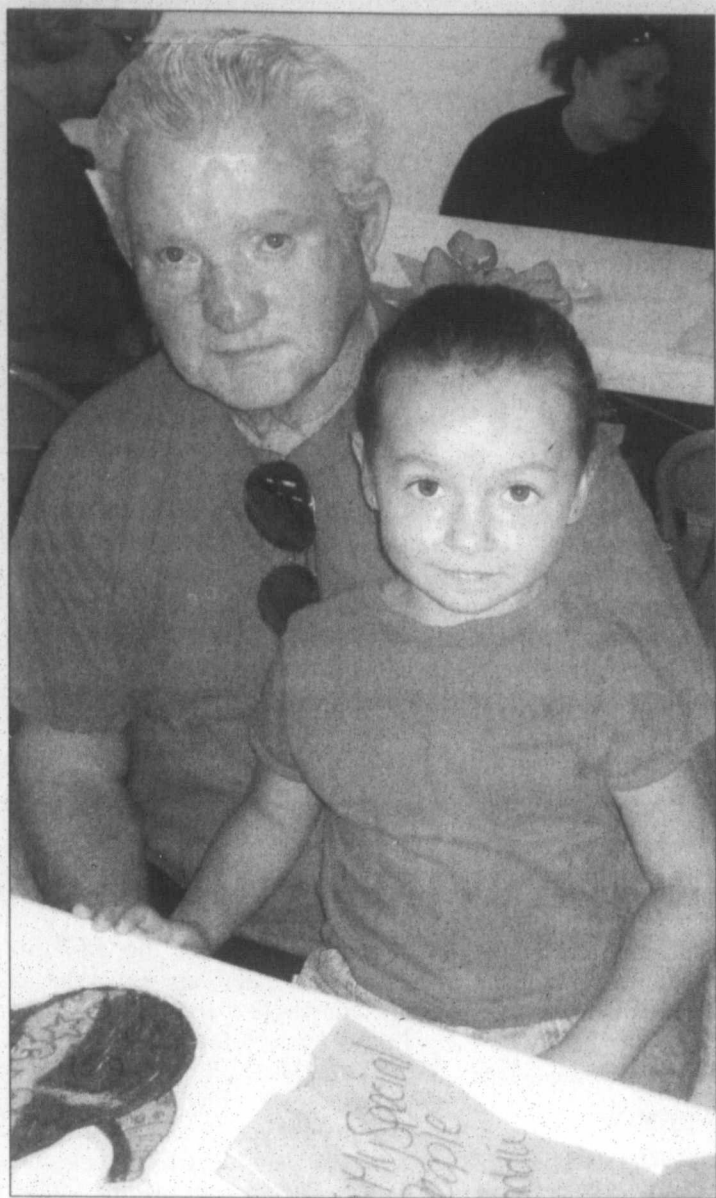
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'Tea brunch'



Left: Harlan and Madison Yates enjoy a "tea brunch" one recent morning at For Heaven's Sake Preschool. The brunch was held in honor of Grandparent's Day today. Right: Also on hand for the occasion were Patti and Trevor Smith.

RRC urges Texans to conserve energy

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission urges Texans to practice gasoline conservation measures in the coming weeks and months to reduce demand and help mitigate price increases caused by Hurricane Katrina.

"Texas is the nation's largest producer of petroleum and natural gas as well as the number one consumer of these commodities, so conservation measures practiced collectively by Texans should have a positive impact," said RRC Chairman Victor Carrillo.

Commissioner Michael L. Williams said, "Everyone wants to do their part to pitch in with relief efforts and donations for Hurricane Katrina's victims, and one simple way each Texan can help is to conserve gasoline, whether by carpooling or combining errands into one trip."

Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones said, "By moderating and curtailing demand for gasoline, each Texan can help alleviate one major factor that contributes to driving gasoline prices upward."

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Crop

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One of the big reasons sunflowers are in high demand is because so many people are becoming allergic to peanuts, Livingston said.

"Sunbutter can substitute for peanut butter, and many school systems are starting to (use) it."

Trostle said the most recent advancement in oilseed sunflower is the trademark "NuSun," a mid-oilseed.

"The genetics were developed by USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) in partnership with (the) National Sunflower Association," he said.

Sunflower oil reduces saturation in fatty acids, making a better product that can withstand high temperatures during cooking.

"Products made with NuSun also last longer in storage," Trostle said, "and NuSun sunflowers are healthier than many other oils, including oils from the traditional sunflower."

Demand for sunflower seed is predicted to remain steady, Livingston said, and Texas farmers are expected to plant even more in 2006.

The following livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Extension districts:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Isolated thunderstorms were reported. Corn kernels were dented in about 90 percent of the fields.

Silage harvest continued. Cotton was rated fair to good; bolls continued to open. Bollworm and fall armyworms caused problems in many fields. Verticillium wilt, caused by fungi, was reported. Peanuts were rated fair to good; leaf spot was reported in isolated fields. Sorghum was 95 percent headed and 37 percent was coloring. Headworms were reported. Sorghum silage harvest continued. Soybeans were rated fair to good. Wheat was 40 percent planted. Rangelands were rated fair. Cattle were in good condition, but were pestered by flies.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Warm temperatures were reported. Cotton was in good condition; farmers are about to defoliate plants and harvest. Corn harvest started on early hybrids. Sorghum harvest will begin soon. Irrigated yield potential looked good, but less will be harvested in some dryland fields due to dry conditions. Winter wheat planting continued. Pumpkin harvest started. Reported yields were average. Peanuts were in good condition. They had grown rapidly and were maturing nicely. Pastures and rangelands were in fair to good condition; native grasses did well. Cattle were in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture is short. Dry conditions continued. Water for livestock was a concern to area ranchers. Fields were prepped for winter crops. Cotton matured quickly in

the hot, dry weather. Rangelands and pastures were still in good shape. Many livestock producers weaned calves and fed hay to cattle. Wheat planting was stalled due to dry conditions.

NORTH: Soil moisture is very short to short. Hot, dry conditions continued. Grain sorghums and soybeans were being harvested; early yields were below average. Corn harvest was almost complete, and yields were slightly below average. Rangelands and pastures were drying up. Many ponds were reported completely dry. Grasshoppers and armyworms were reported in Hopkins County.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture is short. Hot, dry conditions were reported. Hay harvest continued. Dry condition hampered the preparation for winter pasture planting. Continued armyworm infestations and horn flies were reported. Cattle remained in good condition. Producers weaned calves. Sweet potatoes were dug up.

FAR WEST: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Moderate temperatures were reported. Cotton was in fair to excellent condition. Pastures, rangelands and livestock were in poor to good condition. Farmers began preparing fields for wheat planting. Pecans entered the "hardening" stage. Livestock remained in good condition; ranchers prepared for fall weaning and vaccinations and to ship stocker cattle.

WEST CENTRAL: Soil moisture is short to ade-

quate. Very hot, dry conditions were reported. Crops progressed well. Cotton bolls began to open; worms were a problem in some fields. Hay was hauled out of fields. Some hay fields were grazed out and will be planted with small grains.

Border sheriffs address security

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition announced Friday a multimillion-dollar initiative to add a layer of security along the state's border with Mexico.

"Operation Linebacker," as the plan has been dubbed, would add deputies and equipment in all of the state's 16 counties that border Mexico as part of a task force, said Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez Jr., who heads the coalition.

Gonzalez and other coalition officials cited security concerns in declining to give specifics about the task force, which they hope to have in place within a year.

Rick Glancy, a spokesman for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, said the plan was modeled after an operation last year that helped curb crime in the

border county. He said members of the Legislature have promised financial support

for a project that in the first year will cost "no less than \$30 million."

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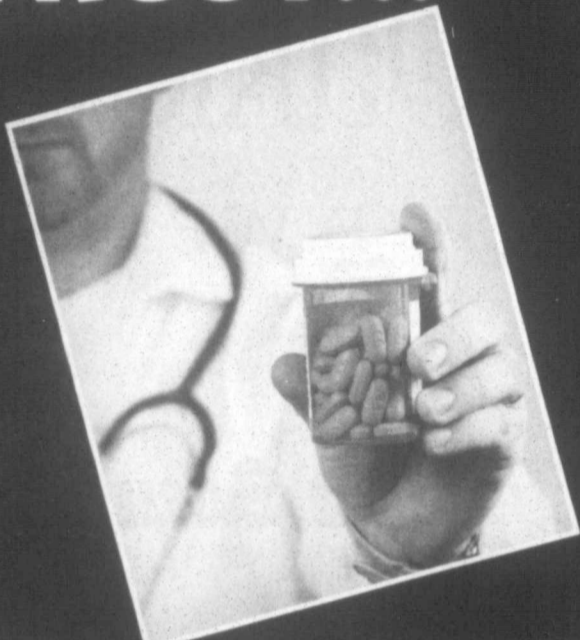
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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., PD 13500', for the following wells:
 #1328P Carr '13', 1825' from South & 1275' from West line, Sec. 13,4,AB&M.
 #4328P Bourassa 'A', 2464' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 43,M-1,H&GN.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #1606 Peak Bourassa, 712' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 6,4,AB&M, PD 12870'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star L.P., #1824 Puryear, 1375' from North & 767' from West line, Sec. 24,M-1,H&GN, PD 13400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Cherokee) BP America

Production Co., #5193 Arthur Webb, et al 'S', 1123' from North & 1963' from East line, Sec. 193,C,G&MMB&A, PD 10950'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., Campbell, Sec. 16,1,I&GN, PD 14000', for the following wells:
 #5016, 845' from South & 510' from West Sec. line.
 #6016, 2383' from North & 500' from West Sec. line.
 #9016, 2500' from South & 2115' from West Sec. line.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SO. RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Pablo Energy, Inc., #4036 Campbell Ranch '36', 2298' from North & 2258' from West line, Sec. 36,1,I&GN, PD 12600'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPPEARSON Brown Dolomite) Upland Resources, Inc., #5 Skeeterbee, 1073'

from E/North line & 244' from N/West line, Sec. 159,C,G&M, PD 3999' (BHL: 150' from E/South line & 750' from N/East line, Sec. 30,44, J.A. Kling) Horizontal
WHEELER (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Brown '61', Sec. 61,M-1,H&GN, for the following wells:
 #2, 1980' from North & 467' from West Sec. line, PD 16000'.
 #3, 467' from North & 617' from East Sec. line, PD 15000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #1850 Sophia, 1978' from South & 1910' from East line, Sec. 50,M-1,H&GN, PD 13400'.
WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., Reed '31', Sec. 31,A-3,H&GN, for the following wells:

#2, 933' from South & West Sec. line, PD 13400'.
#3, 933' from South & East Sec. line, PD 13400'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #5 Davis '65', 660' from North & East line, Sec. 65,A-7,H&GN, PD 16000'.
Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #3 Hefley '13', Sec. 13,A-1,H&GN, spud 3-30-05, drlg. compl 4-4-05, tested 7-29-05, flowed 90 bbl. of 45.4 grav. oil + 120 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 10211, TD 13378', PBTD 11770' —
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Lake Meredith NRA announces new employees

FRITCH — Officials at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area & Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument have announced several new staff changes.

Several park service employees retired in 2004, leaving vacancies to be filled by employees who were either promoted within the park itself or transferred in from other park units over the summer.

"The park currently has 32.5 permanent employees, more than half of them were born and raised in this area, and all employees contribute to the local economies by purchasing homes, paying taxes and shopping in the area," said Park Superintendent Karren Brown.

Arlene Wimer, an environmental protection specialist who transferred to Lake Meredith in mid-July from Padre Island National Seashore is the new oil and gas person. She resides in Borger.

According to the park service: "Arlene was reared in a military family and relocated numerous times while growing up. She has spent the majority of her adult life in Corpus Christi, Texas, and has three grown children who are all native Texans. She has a

bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in environmental science from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

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"Prior to joining the National Park Service about five years ago, she was an independent biological monitor representing the State of Texas on seismic exploration crew's work on the Texas Gulf Coast.

"Arlene's hobbies," the park press release concluded, "are kayaking, creating stained glass art and traveling."

Jimmy Muncy, former wage supervisor at Lake Meredith and Alibates Flint Quarries, is new chief of maintenance.

"Jimmy began," the park service release said, "his government career with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines at the Amarillo Helium Plant in July 1984 as a high pressure machinist. In 1986, he was promoted to maintenance foreman, and in 1994 was promoted to the position of plant manager where he remained until the facility closed in 1998.

"Jimmy spent a year and a half with the United States Postal Service in Amarillo until he transferred to Lake Meredith as an electrician in November 1999. Mr. Muncy served an apprenticeship at the Pantex Plant as a toolmaker and graduated from Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in business management.

"His hobbies include metal work, traveling, visiting other national parks and hiking. Muncy is a lifelong resident of Amarillo where he lives with his

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Other useful conservation tips can be found at the following websites:

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In Memory of Nick Williams

Playa lakes may hold the key to wildlife habitats on the High Plains

By STEVE BYRNS
Texas A&M News

CANYON — Where do you find game on the High Plains?

Ken Cearley, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist at Canyon, said wildlife often can be found along draws, creeks, rivers or remnants of native prairie that still haven't been turned by the plow.

For pheasants, he recommends hunting crop stubble or the corners of irrigation circles. The pickings are apt to be slim elsewhere on the flat, open High Plains, which supports some of the most intensive agricultural production in the country.

"Consider this possibility, though," he said. "The High

Plains of Texas is also home to at least 19,000 playa lakes which can be extremely productive when managed in a wildlife-friendly manner. These shallow, natural water-catching depressions average about 15 acres in size, with the largest approaching 800 acres or more.

"Playas cover about 2 percent of the land in the Texas Panhandle. Because playas fill, recede and ultimately go dry until the next good rain, they are ideal areas for waterfowl and other birds and animals."

Cearley said a playa's diverse plant community provides cover for ground-nesting birds such as pheasants. Their food production capabilities also carry the birds through seasons when

there is no waste grain in nearby fields.

"Waterfowl are especially benefitted by playas," he said. "The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department estimates that 250,000 waterfowl may be produced across the playa lakes region of Texas during wet springs and summers. In the winter, as many as 300,000 Canada and snow geese can be found there. Mallards and pintails are also found in abundance."

"In the Central Flyway, only the Gulf Coast hosts more birds in the winter than does the playa lakes region of Texas. Cranes, shorebirds and other species of ducks use playas at various times of the year."

Cearley said managing playas for wildlife produc-

tion can add dollars to the landowner's pocket. Enterprises and activities including wildlife observation, photography and hunting are all possible income producers.

"If the playa is currently in crop production, or lies within cropland, naturally the first step is to set it aside from farming," he said. "To protect it from the gradual accumulation of silt from field runoff, a buffer strip made up of a combination of native grasses and forbs should be planted on the perimeter. Fencing is recommended to control grazing access."

Cearley also recommends fencing off rangeland playas unless the pasture is small enough that the whole pasture can be managed around

the playa's welfare.

"Grazing intensity and time of year affect vegetation response and therefore wildlife response," he said. "If a landowner is managing for shorebirds, jackrabbits and prairie dogs, intensive long-term grazing may be in order. But to favor plant diversity and therefore animal diversity, light to moderate grazing with no more than 25 percent of the current year's growth removed would be best."

Cearley said playas man-

aged primarily for pheasant nesting habitat should be lightly grazed or deferred altogether. As a rule of thumb, he said protection from grazing during the growing season is best.

"Wildlife enthusiasts today account for significant financial contribution to local rural economies," Cearley said. "Properly managing playa lakes for wildlife isn't just good stewardship, it's also plain good business."

Intents

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Francis Oil Co., #2 Bowers 'D', Sec. 255,C,G&MMB&A, spud 6-22-04, drlg. compl 7-27-04, tested 8-12-05, potential 2242 MCF, TD 19898', PBDT 16200' — Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1152 John C. Vise, Sec. 52,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-25-05, drlg. compl 5-16-05, tested 6-22-05, TD 13550', PBDT 11302' — Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #6052A John C. Vise, Sec. 52,M-1,H&GN, spud 5-20-05, drlg. compl 6-10-05, tested 8-7-05, TD 13707', PBDT 13538' — Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #3 D.H. Hanth, Sec. 75,M-1,H&GN, spud 5-6-05, drlg. compl 5-23-05, tested 8-3-05, potential 1804 MCF, TD 12500', PBDT 12500' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Morrow) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1089 Fillingim, Sec. 89,M-1,H&GN, spud 7-27-04, drlg. compl 2-1-05, tested 3-2-05, potential 6057 MCF, TD 21625', PBDT 15380' — Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Forest Oil Corp., #121 Gracie '4', Sec. 121.41,H&TC, spud 11-13-04, drlg. compl 11-24-04, tested 1-3-05, TD 7803', PBDT 7757' —

Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

HEMPHILL (SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) Forest Oil Corp., #3050 Dorothy Crane, Sec. 50,42,H&TC, spud 4-18-05, drlg. compl 5-1-05, tested 5-30-05, TD 12228', PBDT 12073' —

Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

HEMPHILL (SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) Forest Oil Corp., #3049 Newcomer, Sec. 49,42,H&TC, spud 2-15-05, drlg. compl 3-27-05, tested 6-6-05, TD 12266', PBDT 12213' — Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

HEMPHILL (SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) Forest Oil Corp., #4049 Newcomer, Sec. 49,42,H&TC, spud 12-14-04, drlg. compl 2-11-05, tested 4-19-05, TD 12056', PBDT 12008' — Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #8061 Flowers, Sec. 61,B-1,H&GN, potential 6900 MCF, TD 10950', PBDT 10858' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #2 Campbell Ranch '2-10', Sec. 10,1,I&GN, spud 3-23-05, drlg. compl 4-13-05, TD 11625', PBDT 11584' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #3 Campbell Ranch '3-10', Sec. 10,1,I&GN, spud 4-19-05, drlg. compl 5-13-05, tested 6-25-05, TD 11600', PBDT 11567' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #4 Campbell Ranch '4-10', Sec. 10,1,I&GN, spud 5-18-05, drlg. compl 6-10-05, tested 7-30-05, TD

11850', PBDT 11816' — HEMPILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #2051 Campbell Ranch '51', Sec. 51,1,I&GN, spud 1-17-05, drlg. compl 2-14-05, tested 5-5-05, TD 11860', PBDT 11820'.

ROBERTS (ALPAREARSON Brown Dolomite) Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Nannymo, Sec. 159,C,G&M, spud 1-29-05, drlg. compl 2-10-05, tested 7-27-05, TD 8540', PBDT 3815' —

WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1022 Jones, Sec. 22,RE,R&E, spud 4-22-05, drlg. compl 5-11-05, tested 6-30-05, potential 3493 MCF, TD 13019', PBDT 12972' —

WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #502 Reed, Sec. 2,—,C&M, spud 4-20-05, drlg. compl 5-8-05, tested 6-16-05, potential 1351 MCF, TD 13175', PBDT 13132' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #4051 Finsterwald-Dobbs, Sec. 51,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-19-04, drlg. compl 1-8-05, tested 3-7-05, TD 13878', PBDT 13754' — Form 1 filed in Peak Operating of Texas

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #5051 Finsterwald-Dobbs, Sec. 51,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-24-04, drlg. compl 1-17-05, tested 4-2-05, TD 13904', PBDT 13804' — Form 1 in Peak Operating of Texas

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #3048

Hefley, Sec. 48,M-1,H&GN, spud 3-30-05, drlg. compl 4-28-05, tested 7-24-05, TD 13000', PBDT 12918' —

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH — Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1042 Davis Family, Sec. 42,A-7,H&GN, spud 8-30-04, drlg. compl 1-28-05, tested 5-26-05, potential 1200 MCF, TD 21200', PBDT 16920' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH — Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #3065 Davis, Sec. 65,A-7,H&GN, spud 4-8-05, drlg. compl 5-28-05, tested 7-7-05, potential 14277 MCF, TD 16500', PBDT 16453' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #1A Stiles '4', Sec. 1,A-3,H&GN, spud 4-7-05, drlg. compl 6-2-05, tested 8-3-05, potential 3301 MCF, TD 17235', PBDT 17193'. SWR #10 is approved to commingle

Lake

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wife of 30 years, Nancy, and their son Jeffrey. Jeff is a National Park Service volunteer and an Eagle Scout."

And all the way from New York City, N.Y., comes Rozanna Pfeiffer to fill the position of chief of interpretation. Pfeiffer relocated all the way from the Statue of Liberty National Monument where she was supervisory park ranger for four years.

According to the park service, "Pfeiffer, a native of South Carolina, has been with the park service for almost 10 years. She has worked at Congaree Swamp National Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Death Valley National Park, C&O Canal National Historical Park, the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and Shenandoah National Park."

"She is a 1993 graduate of the Mid-Level Intake Program, a management development program that assists the park service in

meeting its workforce succession and skill enhancement needs.

"Pfeiffer holds master's degrees in Near Eastern archaeology and Near Eastern studies. Prior to joining the National Park Service, she worked as an archaeologist in Israel,

Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and England. She has also worked as a contract archaeologist at various locations around the United States.

"Pfeiffer's hobbies include genealogy and travel. She lives in Borger with her cat, 'Romance.'"

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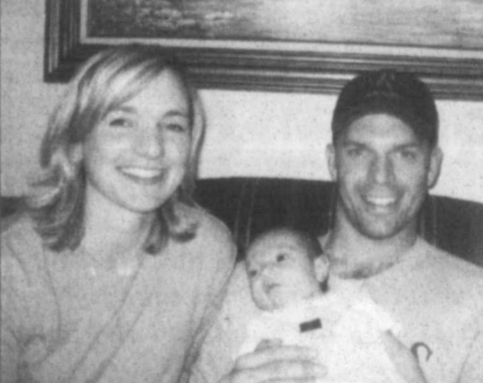



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Medical

Study reports adult use of ADHD meds doubles in four years

By **LINDA A. JOHNSON**
AP Business Writer
TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Use of prescription drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is growing at a faster rate among adults than children, new research shows.
Between 2000 and 2004, use of drugs that help keep


ADHD patients focused doubled among adults aged 20 to 44, but rose only 56 percent among children, according to data compiled by Medco Health Solutions, one of the country's largest prescription benefit managers.
Franklin Lakes-based Medco's study shows use

rose 113 percent among women 20 to 44 and 104 percent among women 45 to 64, both far more than among men. Meanwhile, spending on the medicines quadrupled.
Experts say reasons for the surge range from better drugs and advertising, to parents of children newly

diagnosed with ADHD realizing they have the same symptoms.
"We're seeing about 1 percent of adults being treated," but four times as many are estimated to have ADHD, Dr. Robert Epstein, Medco's chief medical officer, told The Associated Press.



Nearly 1.5 million Americans 20 and older are using the drugs, Medco said.
Those figures dispel earlier beliefs that children "grow out of the disorder," said Dr. Patricia Quinn, a developmental pediatrician at the National Center for Gender Issues and ADHD, and an adviser to Children

and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, an advocacy group.
"We know that 50 percent of adults continue to have problems with attention that affect their functioning," and many now are staying on medication beyond adolescence, Quinn said.

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Recipes cater to diabetes patients

American Diabetes Association book offers heart-healthy, diabetes-friendly recipes ...

Ingredients:
5 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
8 ounces uncooked penne pasta
3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and cubed
4 ripe plum (Roma) diced tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
6 ounces fresh cubed Mozzarella cheese

Instructions:
1) In a small bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients, then set aside to marinate.
2) Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt. When pasta is ready, remove from heat and drain pasta. Run under cold water until pasta cools.
3) In a large bowl, toss cooled pasta with cooked chicken, tomatoes.
4) Drizzle dressing over the salad and shake to coat.

Content:
1 1/2 Starch, 2 Lean Meat
Calories: 224
Calories from Fat: 71
Total Fat: 8 g
Saturated Fat: 3 g
Cholesterol: 29 mg
Sodium: 132 mg
Total Carbohydrate: 22 g
Dietary Fiber: 1g
Sugars: 3g
Protein: 16g

(NAPSA) — Eating healthy foods is one way to give your body the energy it needs. And for people with diabetes, eating the right foods plays a big role in helping to properly manage the disease.

Since people with diabetes are at an increased risk for heart disease and stroke, it's important to incorporate meals that are not only diabetes-friendly, but heart-healthy too.

Diabetes and its cardiovascular risks can be managed with proper meal planning, physical activity and medications. Managing not only your blood sugar but also blood pressure and cholesterol are important. Quitting smoking and losing weight will help, too.

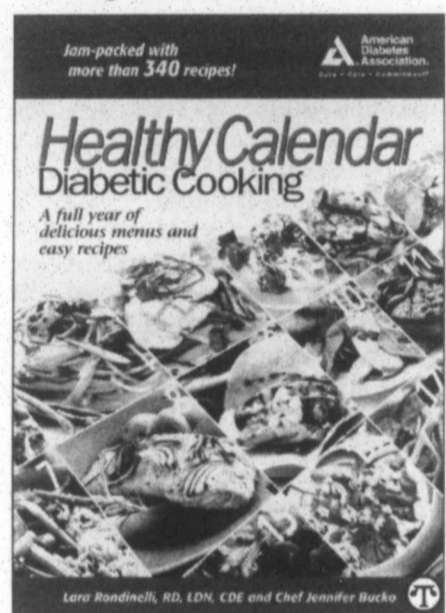
There are plenty of recipes that taste great and are healthy for people with diabetes and their families, too. Here's one to try: Chicken pasta salad with fresh mozzarella—a refreshing dish that's easy to prepare.

Chicken Pasta Salad with Fresh Mozzarella
Makes: 9 servings
Serving Size: 1 cup
Prep Time: 15 minutes

Association book "Healthy Calendar Diabetic Cooking."

To order, visit <http://store.diabetes.org> or call 1-800-232-6733 (order code: 4645-01; price: \$19.95).

The American Diabetes Association and the American College of Cardiology are working together on an education initiative called Make the Link! Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke, which encourages people with diabetes to get smart about their health. To learn more, call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org/MaketheLink.



Pasta Perfect-Chicken Pasta Salad with Fresh Mozzarella.

From the American Diabetes

Exploring ways to protect your eyes

(NAPSA) — Taking a look at the nature of eye injuries could help prevent them. That's the idea behind a study that takes a one-week "snapshot" of eye health in the U.S.

Ophthalmologists and other doctors participating in the study reported treating nearly 1,000 eye injuries during the week — 88 percent of which were accidental.

Most injuries occurred at home and nearly 70 percent of those injured were not wearing protective eyewear while doing certain tasks.

Most of the doctors felt that the injuries could have been avoided if eyewear had been worn, according to the American Academy of

Ophthalmology. The number of eye injuries from assaults dropped nearly 35 percent from a similar snapshot in 2004.

The Eye Injury Snapshot is an annual study that identifies the nature of eye injuries.

In the spring of 2005, participating doctors from across the country, including ophthalmologists and emergency, pediatric and family physicians, submitted anonymous reports of eye injuries they treated over the course of a week.

"The study demonstrates the incredible scope of eye trauma in this country, occurring without respect to age, gender or region of the

country," said Paul Sternberg Jr., MD, Academy secretary for communications. "A large percentage of these injuries are preventable, either by avoiding activities that could lead to injury or by wearing protective eyewear."

Sternberg's group is the world's largest association of eye physicians and surgeons (Eye M.D.s).

Survey Results
• Looking At Age. More than half of the patients treated were between the ages of 18 and 45, and almost 30 percent of those patients were between 30 and 40 years old.

• Keep An Eye On Your Home. Most of the

injuries happened in the home (42 percent) and occurred in the afternoon. Nearly half of the time (47 percent) injuries occurred between noon and 6 p.m.

• Eye-Opening Causes. Some of the most unusual injury-causing instruments included a cookie, a green peach, a rooster beak and a moose (the patient was involved in a car crash with a moose).

"Fortunately, our nation's ophthalmologists have the skill and training to treat most of these patients and minimize the amount of permanent vision loss," Dr. Sternberg added.

To find an Eye M.D., visit www.aao.org.

How to check out what's in your drink

(NAPSA) — You expect the labels on everything you eat or drink to carry all the basic information, such as carbs, calories, fat, protein and serving size.

Currently, however, alcoholic beverages — including beer, wine and spirits — are the only consumable products that have been largely prohibited from including information such as alcohol per serving, calories, carbohydrates, fat and protein on their labels.

That means that if you drink alcohol, you have no way of knowing what you're putting into your body. What's more, federal labeling laws say that not only do companies not have to tell you this information, they're not allowed to if they want to.

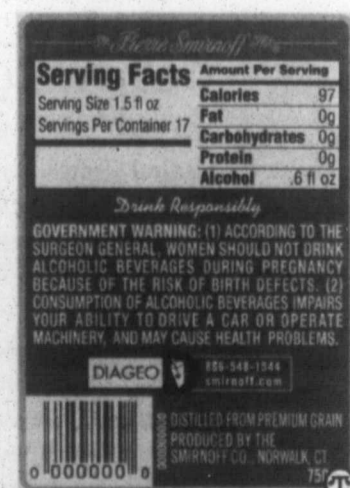
Now, a leading spirits, beer and wine company is trying to change that. Thanks to it, consumers have a way to urge the federal

government to adopt a rule that would allow the alcohol beverage industry to voluntarily provide consumers with a Serving Fact label on their bottle or can.

Recently, Diageo launched www.KnowYourDrink.com to help give the vast majority of Americans — 83 percent — who believe alcohol companies should be allowed to put this information on their labels the opportunity to tell the government just that.

Diageo is using this Web site to tell consumers the alcohol content, serving size, macronutrients, carbohydrates and calories of some of its products.

Its brands include Smirnoff, Johnnie Walker, Guinness, Baileys, Tanqueray and Captain Morgan, as well as Beaulieu Vineyard and Sterling Vineyards wines. For more information, visit www.KnowYourDrink.com.



One company is trying to change labeling laws to better protect consumers.

Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Homecoming king and queen candidates Russell Anglin and Monica Johnson enter Harvester Stadium seated atop a BMW convertible Friday night. Anglin was later crowned Homecoming King.

Borger 17, Pampa 14

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The night was full of promise. It was Pampa's homecoming. Pre-game ceremonies included the crowning of Russell Anglin and Callie Cobb homecoming king and queen. Familiar faces dotted the large home town crowd, including former players.

The smell of deep fryers and grills filled the air.

At 7:30 p.m., the game began. A few hours later, Borger would exit the field with a much celebrated 17-14 win over Pampa in a game influenced by a missed opportunity, poor calls and penalties.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 3-0 lead courtesy of a medium range field goal.

The Harvesters sought to return the favor with 1:59 to play in the first quarter when kicker Keenan Davis missed a 45-yard attempt.

The first quarter was a defensive struggle for both teams as each held the other's offense in check.

The second quarter began with a long pass from Pampa quarterback Brett Ferrell to Sharod Young who was finally brought down deep inside Bulldog territory. Moments later, Ferrell would connect with A.J. Manzanara on a 19-yard TD pass. The snap on the extra point attempt was high and mishandled. At the 9:17 mark of the second quarter, Pampa led 6-3.

The Bulldogs would find the end zone.

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JV tennis team nets 23-0 win

The JV Tennis Team competed in Borger Thursday, and came away with a decisive 23-0 win. Assistant coach Starla Kindle said, "Our team played really well. I was very impressed with the way they stepped up and played above and beyond our expectations for their first match."

The JV team began their match at 4 p.m. within two hours, solidly defeated Borger. The JV plays next against Dumas on October 1.

Girls Singles

1. Deschna Afram def. Madeline Hamilton 8-0
2. Anna Julian def. Chelsea Cook 8-1
3. Katie O'Neal def. Shelby Henderson 8-2
4. Marli Street def. Alyssa Hodge 8-3
5. Kailee Intemann def. Becca Olgesby 8-1
6. Claire Boyd def. Shelby McCarty 8-2
7. Krissa Whitley def. Maribel Munoz 8-0
8. JaCee Villarreal def. Denise Vega 8-1
9. Megan Barnett def. Kendall Holmes 8-0
10. Brenna Albracht def. Lauren Barber 8-2
11. Rachel Lee def. Brianna Brame 8-4
12. Ashley Hernandez def. Hannah Klaus 8-5
13. Lauren Coutts def. Alyssa Ott 8-4

Boys Singles

1. Jack Ware def. Caleb Blakely 8-0
2. Jack Ware def. Hastinop 8-1

Girls Doubles

1. Afram/O'Neal def. Hamilton/Hodge 8-3
2. Street/Boyd def. Cook/Henderson 8-5

3. Julain/Intemann def. Oglesby/McCarty 8-2
 4. Whitley/Barnett def. Munoz/Ott 8-2
 5. Albracht/Lee def. Brame/Klaus 9-7
 6. Hernandez/Coutts def. Vega/Nash 8-2
- Mixed Doubles**
Ware/Villarreal def. Barber/Blakely 8-1
- Extra Matches**
Julian/Intemann def. Young/Holmes 8-0
- Afram/O'Neal def. Henderson/Cook 8-1

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FOOTBALL

Pampa JV • No Game

Pampa Varsity • No Game

TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 20

Pampa 7th Grade vs Canyon at Canyon

Pampa 8th Grade vs Canyon at Pampa

B-Team at 5:30pm • A-Team at 6:30pm

THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 22

Pampa Freshman vs Hereford • 5:00pm at Pampa

VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

Pampa Freshmen vs Palo Duro • 6:00pm at Palo Duro

TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 20

Pampa JV vs Randall • 6:00pm at Randall

Pampa Varsity vs Randall • 7:30pm at Randall

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 24

Pampa Freshmen vs Hereford • 10:00am at Pampa

Pampa JV vs Hereford • 2:00pm at Hereford

Pampa Varsity vs Hereford • 3:30pm at Hereford

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TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 20

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Redskins rookie kicker faces Monday night pressure

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Four young, out-of-work kickers were summoned to the practice field Tuesday for a one-shot, high-pressure audition. At stake: a spot on the Washington Redskins roster.

"Whoever does the best, they tell you to stay — and tell the other guys to go home," Nick Novak said. "It's pretty cutthroat."

Novak aced the test. He attempted 10 field goals and made them all, the only one with a perfect score.

The Redskins, needing a kicker because of an injury to John Hall, signed him on the spot and expect him to make his NFL debut on one of the biggest stages imaginable — Monday night at Dallas against the NFC East rival Cowboys.

"I'm a competitor. I want to be a kicker who can handle the pressure. A lot of people may think I should be nervous right now," Novak said. "I'm really not. I'm more excited for the opportunity to play for the Redskins. It's always been a dream of mine."

True to his word, Novak has been the picture of calm all week.

He answered questions in front of his locker as if he'd been doing it his whole life.

"He's very mellow," said punter Andy Groom, Novak's holder.

Hall strained a leg muscle Sunday's win over the Chicago Bears and hasn't practiced all week. Coach Joe Gibbs said "I can't see that happening" when asked Friday if Hall could play Monday.

Novak could be the difference in a Cowboys-Redskins series in which seven of the last eight meet-

ings have been decided by a touchdown or less, but local fans already know he can come through in the clutch.

He went to high school in Virginia, kicked four years at the University of Maryland and is the ACC's all-time leading scorer.

He kicked in three games with the Chicago Bears and one with the Dallas Cowboys this preseason, but both teams went with veterans.

"I've been in a lot of big games in college," Novak said. "Thursday night games against big teams like Florida State. I've done well. I've risen to the occasion."

If he plays well, Novak could be the kicker who finally stops the Redskins' revolving door.

The team has had 15 kickers since 1997. Only twice in the last eight years has one kicker made it through the entire season.

Other scores of interest

Other high school football scores from Friday night, Sept. 16, 2005.

Class 5A

- Amarillo 21, Odessa Permian 7
- Amarillo Tascosa 41, Canyon Randall 21
- Lubbock 27, Big Spring 26
- Lubbock Monterey 28, Midland 24
- Odessa 39, Lubbock Coronado 26

Class 4A

- Caprock 37, Amarillo River Road 0
- Palo Duro 35, Lubbock Estacado 0
- Wolfforth Frenship 49, Hereford 20

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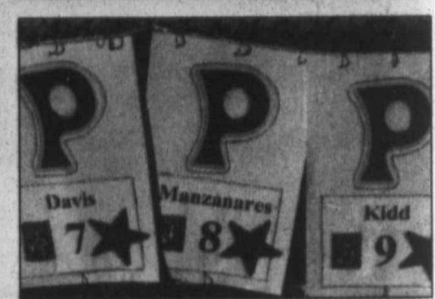
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Game

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before the half, taking a 10-3 lead into the locker room. In the third quarter, Young intercepted a Bulldog pass in the Harvester's end zone, and ran it back to near midfield. Pampa fans erupted in celebration that was short lived. Officials brought the ball back on a pass interference call. One many on the Harvester sideline questioned. Borger scored on a 24-yard run and opened up a 17-6 lead.

On the ensuing Pampa possession, officials seemed to offer what appeared to be apologetic penalties against Borger that would move the ball out to near the Pampa 40 yard line. Then, Chase Harris took a hand-off from Ferrell, and with some nifty moves, cruised to a Harvester TD. Ferrell hit James Coffee for the two point conversion and Pampa trailed 17-14.

The Harvester defense held Borger scoreless the rest of the game. Pampa's offense could not find a rhythm and eventually ran out of clock.

The Harvesters are off next week.

Scores

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Class 3A
Borger 17, Pampa 14
Canyon 36, Littlefield 14
Iowa Park 35, Childress 34
Perryton 26, Dumas 19

Class 2A
Canadian 37, Beaver, Okla.
13 Sanford-Fritch 34, New Deal
13 Tulia 32, West Texas High 0

Class 1A
Clarendon 64, Hart 2
Gruver 40, Highland Park 12
Nazareth 34, White Deer 0
Smyer 37, Claude 0
Stratford 36, Dalhart 7
Sunray 17, Panhandle 14
Vega 56, Boys Ranch 7

SIX-MAN
McLean 74, Amarillo Holy
Cross 25
Wheeler 78, Silverton 33

Other Schools
Amarillo San Jacinto 52,
Miami 7

Lifestyle

NEWSMAKERS

Benjamin Thomas Briscoe, a May 2005 Pampa High School graduate, was recently awarded a Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Briscoe, son of Terry Briscoe, received the Zelah Mae and Jasper D. e. e. Memorial Scholarship which pays \$500 per semester the first year.



BRISCOE

This year the Dee Memorial awarded 15 grants to students exhibiting an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement who participated in UIL Academic State Meet.

Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Briscoe is currently pursuing a degree in journalism and international relations at Southern Methodist University.

Briscoe competed in informative speaking at the 2005 UIL Academic State Meet. He also participated in UIL current issues and events, cross examination debate, headline writing and news writing throughout his high school career.

Christopher Henry Smith, a senior at Pampa High School, was recently named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Smith is among approximately 16,000 other semifinalists, all high school seniors, involved in the 51st annual National Merit Scholarship Program overseen by National Merit Scholarship Corp.

The semifinalists will vie for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth a combined \$33 million, to be offered next spring.

More than 1.3 million juniors in nearly 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2006 National Merit Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

To qualify for the scholarship program, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements and advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will be selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar title.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school's principal and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalist and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application which includes an essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Three types of scholarships will be offered. Every finalist will compete for one

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PUMP IT UP WITH PUMPKIN

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Pumpkin tastes great in just about anything you make with it — from deliciously moist muffins to colorful curries, rich and mellow brownies to savory casseroles. Yet pumpkin's deep orange color is the clue to its hidden riches — significant amounts of beta-carotene, a key nutrient that helps our bodies make vitamin A. It's an essential vitamin for good health, especially for eyes and skin.

One-half cup of canned pumpkin is a mere 40 calories, yet contains 300% of the daily value of vitamin A established by the USDA. So, make pumpkin your healthy pleasure, any time of day.

BEYOND PUMPKIN PIE

Although we all love canned pumpkin in our favorite holiday pie, it also tastes great for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and gifts.

- Start off the day with golden pumpkin pancakes.
- Stir pumpkin into your lunchtime soup or curry for a mellow flavor.
- Blend pumpkin with peanut butter for a tasty Indonesian skewered-chicken appetizer.
- Mix pumpkin into your favorite chili for added flavor and pumped up nutrition.
- Simmer pumpkin into a yummy "butter" to give as a holiday gift.
- Add pumpkin to oatmeal and raisin cookie batter for sweet treats with more vitamin A.

To find recipes for pumpkin pancakes and pumpkin chili or for more ways to use powerhouse pumpkin, visit VeryBestBaking.com.

Pumpkin Apple Butter



Pumpkin Apple Butter

Makes 3 cups

- 1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 medium apple, peeled and grated
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

COMBINE pumpkin, apple, apple juice, sugar and pumpkin pie spice in medium, heavy-duty saucepan. Bring to boil; reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring occasionally, 1 1/2 hours. Serve with oatmeal biscuits, breads, corn muffins or hot cereal. Store in airtight container in refrigerator up to 2 months.

Nutritional analysis per tablespoon serving: 15 calories, 0g protein, 0g fat (0 calories from fat), 4g carbohydrate, 0mg cholesterol, 0g fiber, 0mg sodium, 10% daily value vitamin A

Pumpkin Curry Soup

Makes 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 cup (1 small) chopped onion
- 2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk

MELT butter in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring frequently, 2 to 3 minutes or until tender. Stir in curry powder, salt and pepper; cook 1 minute. ADD broth and pumpkin; bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in evaporated milk. Transfer mixture to food processor or blender (in batches, if necessary); cover. Blend until smooth. Serve warm.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 160 calories, 5g protein, 9g fat (80 calories from fat), 11g carbohydrate, 15mg cholesterol, 3g fiber, 630mg sodium, 220% daily value vitamin A



Thai Pumpkin Satay

Thai Pumpkin Satay

Makes about 30 appetizer servings

- 1 cup Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 2/3 cup (5 fluid-ounce can) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 1/3 cup creamy or chunky peanut butter
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 (about 1 pound total) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 large red bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 bunches green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces (white parts only)
- 30 (4-inch) skewers

PLACE pumpkin, evaporated milk, peanut butter, chopped green onions, garlic, cilantro, lime juice, soy sauce, sugar and cayenne pepper in blender or food processor; cover. Blend until smooth. Combine 1/2 cup pumpkin mixture and chicken in medium bowl; cover. Marinate in refrigerator, stirring occasionally, 1 hour. ALTERNATELY thread chicken, bell peppers and green onion pieces onto skewers. Discard any remaining marinade. Grill or broil, turning once, for 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Heat remaining pumpkin mixture; serve with satay.

NOTE: If using wooden skewers, soak in water for 30 minutes before threading.

Nutritional analysis per 3-skewer serving: 140 calories, 15g protein, 5g fat (45 calories from fat), 10g carbohydrate, 25mg cholesterol, 2g fiber, 200mg sodium, 100% daily value vitamin A

Pumpkin-Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Makes about 4 dozen cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/3 cups quick or old-fashioned oats
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup raisins

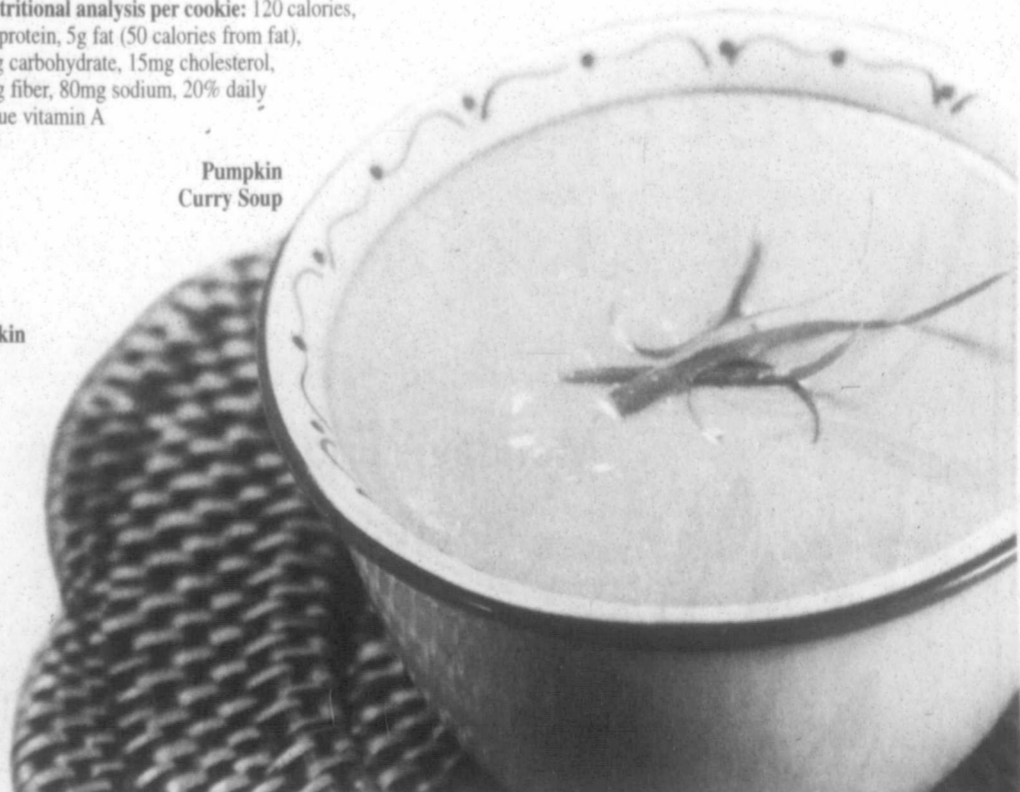
PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Lightly grease baking sheets.

COMBINE flour, oats, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in medium bowl. Beat butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract; mix well. Add flour mixture; mix well. Stir in nuts and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto prepared baking sheets.

BAKE 14 to 16 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned and set in centers. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Nutritional analysis per cookie: 120 calories, 1g protein, 5g fat (50 calories from fat), 17g carbohydrate, 15mg cholesterol, <1g fiber, 80mg sodium, 20% daily value vitamin A

Pumpkin Curry Soup



Vows exchanged in country wedding

Angie Williams of Pampa and Steven Smith of Canyon were married at 8 p.m. July 15, 2005, at the home of the bride's parents with the Rev. David L. Lowrie, Jr., officiating.

The bride and groom were married in an outdoor country wedding. They were married in the gazebo that was designed and constructed by the bride's father for the wedding.

Angie wore a handmade veil with her tiara to accent her dress. The veil was designed and made by her grandmother Joyce Williams. A handmade garter by her late great-grandmother Vera Amerson was also worn. Diamond and pearl earrings belonging to her grandmother Dutch Elliott were worn.

She carried a cally lilly and rose bouquet.

Payton Brookshire, flower girl, carried a basket designed and made by her mother, Vicki Brookshire. The basket was filled with rose petals from her great-grandpar-



Angie Williams

ent's 50th wedding reception.

The ring bearer was Blake Tversky, nephew of the groom of Amarillo.

Ushering guests to

their seats were Jeremy Elliott and Jacob Potter, both of Pampa, and Colby Croslin of Amarillo.

Vicki Brookshire, sister of the bride of Amarillo,

registered the guests.

Music was provided by Casey Brookshire.

A reception-dance was held in Pamcel Hall near Pampa with Kim Hill, Lexi Hill, Becky Potter, Tresa Miller and Trischelle Miller serving the guests. The reception-dance featured a luau themed party. Music DJ for the event was Ronnie Terry. Guests were treated to a luau style buffet while wearing Hawaiian leis.

The bride is the daughter of Victor and Patti Williams of Pampa. She is a 2003 Pampa High School graduate and a graduate of Exposito School of Hair.

The groom is the son of Terry and Christi Smith of Canyon. He graduated from Canyon High School in 2002 and is currently a business student at West Texas A&M University. He is employed at John Chandler Ford.

The couple honeymooned in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They reside in Amarillo.



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Club news

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Las Pampas
The September meeting of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution was held recently in the home of Sudie Reeder. Regent Nancy Coffee presided.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The President General's Message was presented by Darlene Birkes.

—Reeder gave the flag fact. Mary Cantrell gave the conservation report and coupon collections for DAR sponsored schools.

—DAR Constitution Week Luncheon slated Saturday at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

—Panhandle Area Officers Council lineage research workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at Mahon Library in Lubbock.

—The program was pre-

sented by Louisa Britton on the Second Amendment, in recognition of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23.

—Members were invited to attend the World War II Commemoration Service and Fairview Cemetery Marker dedication Sept. 2.

—Members voted to volunteer to donate cookies for the Veterans program Nov. 11 at Travis Elementary School.

Progressive Club
Progressive Home Extension Club met Sept. 8 at the home of Leny Howard with Vice President June Rowan presiding in the absence of President Eva Dennis.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll call was answered with "Something fun I did this summer."

—Mary Ann Bailey delivered the treasurer's report.

—Howard gave the council report. Future council monthly meetings will be held at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

—Howard reported on "4-8 Activities" and Patchwork Club.

—A garage sale fund-raiser is planned Oct. 1 at 2238 Duncan.

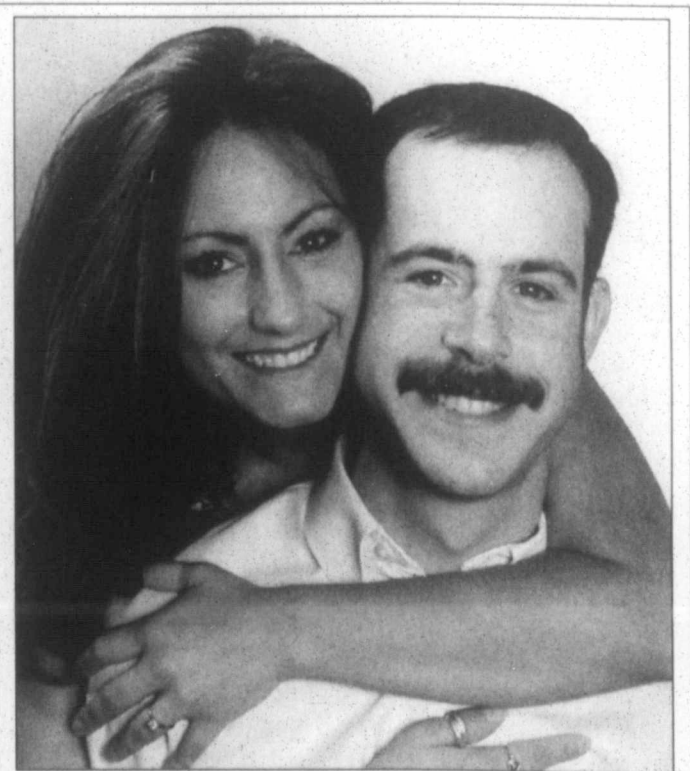
—The annual

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Menus

Week of September 19-23

Pampa Schools	bread, dessert, treat.
MONDAY	Kid's Cafe-Lamar
Breakfast: Waffle sticks.	TUESDAY
Lunch: Chicken teriyaki or steak fingers, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, fruit, rice pilaf.	Stew, green beans, cornbread, dessert.
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Breakfast: Strawberrylious bagel, French toast.	Chicken fajitas, corn salad, dessert.
Lunch: Sausage links and scrambled eggs or pizza, potato rounds, peach cups, biscuits.	Senior Citizens
WEDNESDAY	MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.	Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beans, German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, rolls.	TUESDAY
THURSDAY	Meatloaf or fajita chicken/rice, cheese potatoes, cream corn, Italian green beans, pinto beans, Boston cream pie or apple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.	WEDNESDAY
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or beef/cheese nachos, pinto beans, salad, apple sauce.	Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, carrots, beans, butter pecan cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY	THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.	Chicken strips or liver and onions, curly fries, brussels sprouts, hominy, beans, strawberry cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Lunch: Mini corn dogs or hamburgers, corn, lettuce/tomatoes, fruit, gelatin.	FRIDAY
Lefors Schools	Catfish/hushpuppies or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, marble swirl cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.
MONDAY	Meals On Wheels
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.	MONDAY
Lunch: Chili, cheese dogs, fries, apple smiles, sherbet cup.	Turkey, mashed potatoes, broccoli, peaches.
TUESDAY	TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.	Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler.
Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, beans, cinnamon crispies.	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potatoes casserole, pudding.
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.	THURSDAY
Lunch: Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, beans, rolls, fruit bar.	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake.
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.	Beef tips/rice, cream corn, baked apples, cookies.
Lunch: Hamburger beans, hamburger salad, carrots, rice, crispy treats.	
FRIDAY	
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.	
Lunch: Chicken taco casserole, corn, salad, cinnamon apples.	
Kid's Cafe-Wilson	
MONDAY	
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dessert, treat.	
WEDNESDAY	
Homemade stew, corn-	



Sprinkle/Smith

Elizabeth Ann Sprinkle and Jonathan H. Smith plan to wed at 2 p.m. Dec. 17 in First Christian Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sprinkle of Pampa and is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Freeman of Wichita Falls and the late Mrs. Helen Sprinkle of Pampa. She attended Pampa schools and Amarillo College. She is certified in floral design and is presently employed at Brandon's Flowers and Building Maintenance Company. The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Smith of Pampa and is the grandson of Mrs. James Loyd Hefley and the late Mr. Hefley of Wheeler County and Mrs. M.B. Smith and the late Rev. Smith of Pampa. He attended Pampa schools, Hardin-Simmons University and AC. He is presently employed by ONEOK Field Services as a plant operator.

Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as

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Annie Michele Sims

Sims, Hilton marry in Amarillo church

On Aug. 27, Annie Michele Sims and Jeb Houston Hilton, both of Amarillo, were united in marriage at First Christian Church of Amarillo. J.C. Burt, of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Pampa, presided over the ceremony.

Sister of the bride, Shelly Sims of Lubbock, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Stephanie Edwards of Victoria, Stacie Edwards of Spring, Dixie Padavich of Canyon and Jennifer Derr of Oklahoma City, Okla., all cousins of the bride, and Jennifer Watson of Amarillo.

The best man was Coury Hampton of Amarillo. The groomsmen were James Emerson, Stephen Pierce, Shane Watson, Blake Hendricks and Casey McCall, all of Amarillo.

Chris Edwards of Victoria and Eric Sims of Fort Worth, both cousins of the bride, ushered the guests to their seats and served as candlelighters.

Teresa Sims, cousin of the bride of Fort Worth, was in charge of registering the guests.

A reception and dance was held after the ceremony at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Brooke Brown of Amarillo, Teresa Sims, and Cassidy Hilton and Kelsy Hilton, both sisters of the groom of Amarillo, served up the bride's and the groom's cakes.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Diane Sims of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2001 and is currently employed with Potter County Sheriff's Department.

The groom is the son of Gary and Teresa Hilton of Amarillo. He graduated from Randall High School in Amarillo in 2001 and is also currently employed with Potter County Sheriff's Department.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev., and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

Names

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of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded on a state representational basis. In addition, some 300 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,100 corporate-sponsored scholarships for finalists who meet their specified criteria such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. About 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the sponsored institu-

tion. Winners will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join some 234,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

CANYON — Sammie Parsley, a senior accounting major from Pampa, was recently one of seven students awarded scholarships at West Texas A&M University for the 2005-06 school year, totaling \$6,000. The scholarship awards were announced during a recent meeting of the College of Business Investment Series.

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Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

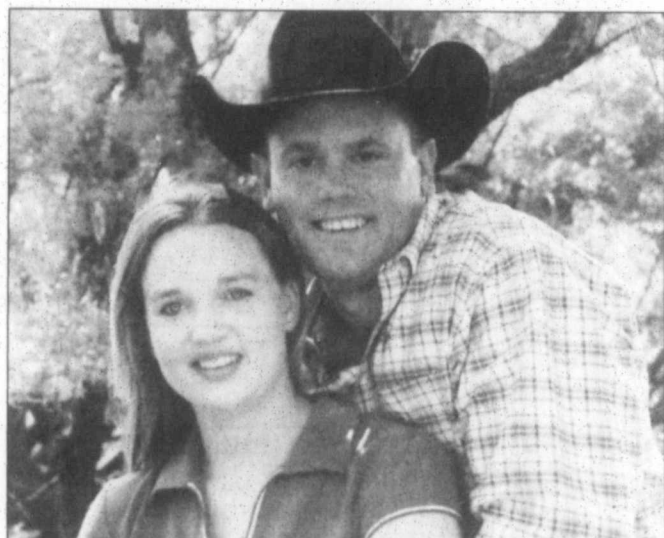
6. Anniversary announce-

ments will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).



Christi Oren and Landon Ty Ferguson

Shamrock couple tie knot at ranch

Christi Oren and Landon Ty Ferguson, both of Shamrock, exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 17 at Cottonwood Springs Ranch near Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of Kay McManus of Erick, Okla., and Charlie Oren of Shamrock. She graduated from Samnorwood High School and from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The groom is the son of Rhonda and Gene Ferguson of Wheeler. He graduated from Wheeler High School.

Bridal Registry

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Elizabeth Sprinkle & Jonathan Smith
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Pampans mark 45th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mullen of Pampa are celebrating 45 years of marriage this month.

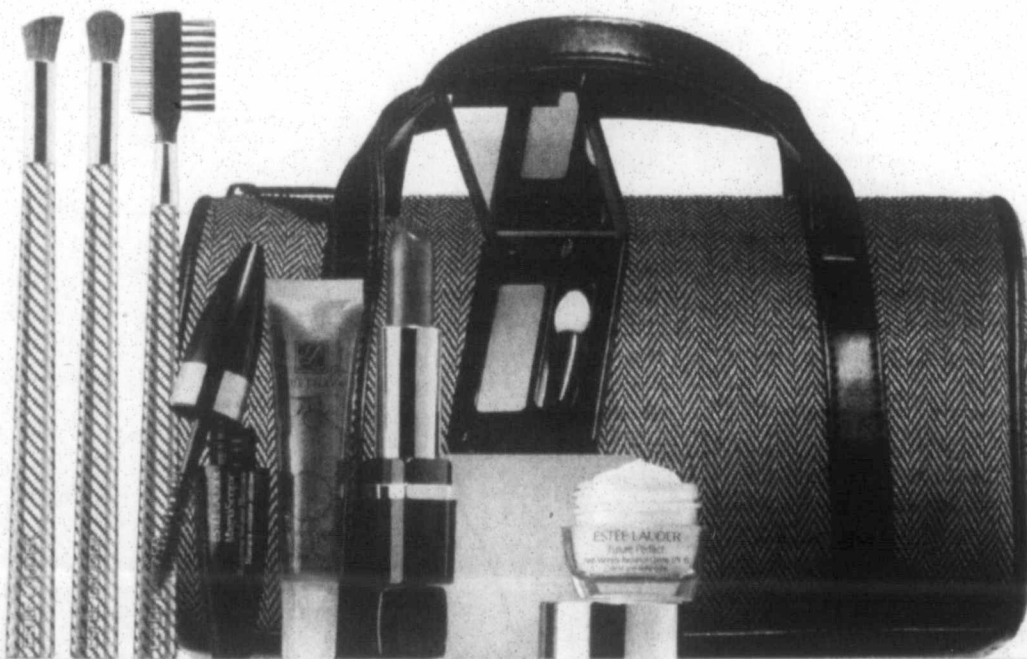
Charlie Mullen and the former Joyce Helbert have six children together — Charlie and Laura of Oklahoma City, Okla., David of Odessa, and Floyd, Jerry and Linda, all of Pampa.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: An old friend of mine, "Marla," moved away six years ago. Imagine my surprise when she showed up on my doorstep last Easter. I had just started a new job and was bogged down with work. Marla had always said I was welcome to come and stay at her new home "any time." So, when she mentioned she was going to try to find a hotel, I said, "Of course not! Stay with me!" Abby, Marla knew I had to put my best foot forward at work and that I had no vacation time coming. But she insisted that I go out with her to bars and stay until they closed. When I reminded her I had to take it easy and get to bed early, she loaded on the guilt. It was clear she was only concerned with her good time and how much her plane fare had cost her. I was relieved to see her go.

Last night, Marla called and announced that she's coming back next month, so I should "mark my calendar." She did not ask if it was convenient for her to visit me. She met a guy while she was here, and I suspect that's the reason for her visit. I'm afraid she's assuming my spare room is hers again. I don't want to offer it to her. She'll drive me nuts. On the other hand, we've been friends a long time. I don't want to hurt her feelings. Please give me some advice -- and hurry!-- **NOT MRS. HILTON**

DEAR NOT MRS. H.: You have described a person who is centered on her own "needs" to the exclusion of those around her -- and by definition that's a user, not a friend. Pick up the phone and tell Marla you would love to see her one night while she's in town, but you are unable to have her stay with you. Do not apologize for it or allow her to put you on the defensive. Do it now, so she'll have plenty of time to make hotel reservations, or you will be blamed for inconveniencing her.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Leonard," just learned that his cousin "Neil" -- who is also his best friend -- and Neil's wife, "Julie," have been telling family members they think Leonard is in love with Julie! Julie says Leonard is "mean" to her sometimes because he has a crush on her. Julie is very manipulative. She has worked to drive away Neil's mother. Now she's obviously trying to do the same with Leonard. We're not surprised that she'd do this, but what hurts my husband is that Neil actually believes her!

How should we respond to this? Should we call them and try to straighten this out? Or should we leave it alone and let them think what they want? Leonard is extremely upset about this, and I'd like your opinion. -- **OFFENDED IN HAWAII**

DEAR OFFENDED: Your husband should talk to his cousin "man to man" and assure him that, although "Julie is a great girl," she is mistaken. He is in love with you and only you. As tempting as it might be, you should not bring it up with Julie, whom I am sure would love to be the center of attention in the argument that would ensue. If other family members mention it, laugh it off. And for the foreseeable future, limit your contact with this couple.

DEAR ABBY: I am having a senior block (not moment) here. With so many troops in Iraq, and the news reports -- I can't remember what the abbreviation "GI" stands for. Help! -- **IRENE IN BLISSFIELD, MICH.**

DEAR IRENE: According to my Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (11th Edition), GI is the abbreviation for "government issue": "... of, relating to, or characteristic of U.S. military personnel."

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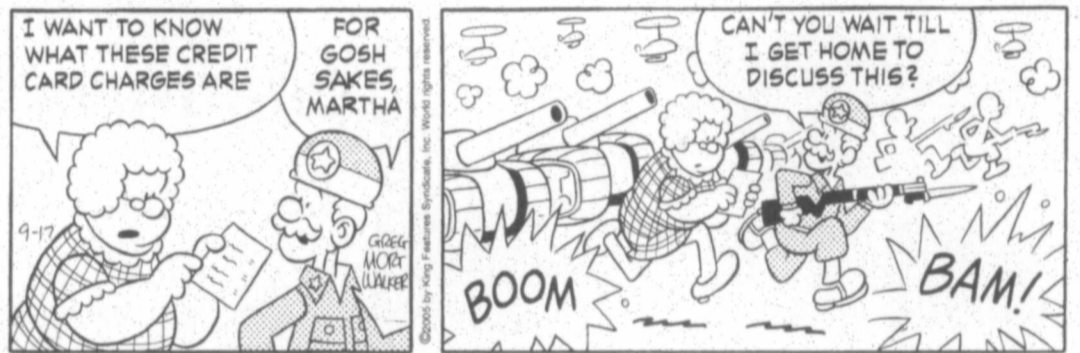
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

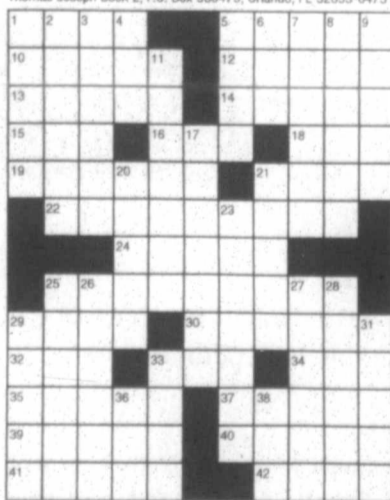
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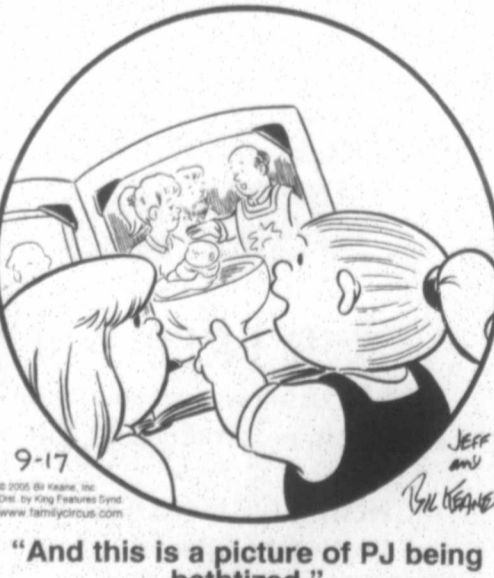


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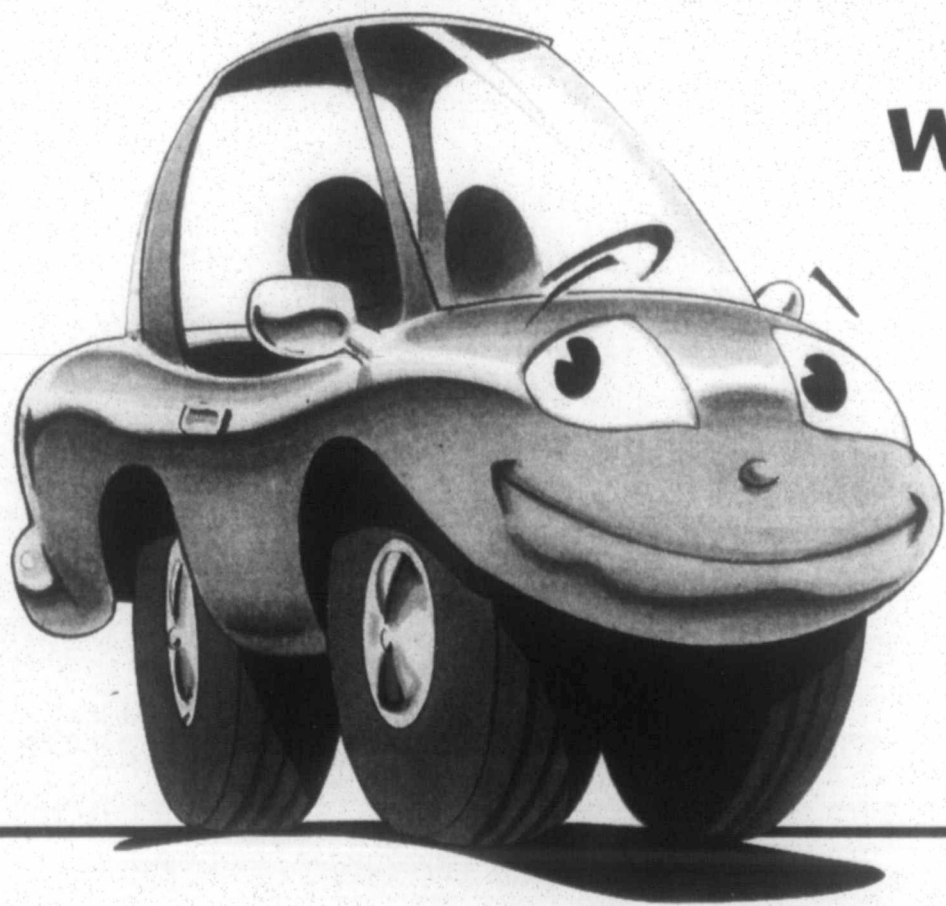
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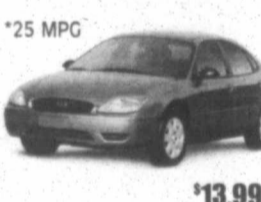


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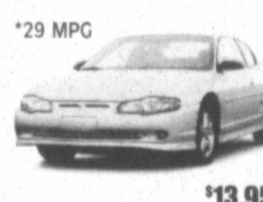
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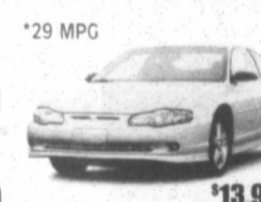
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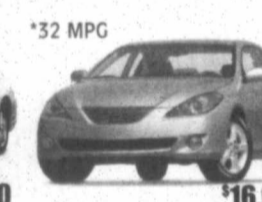
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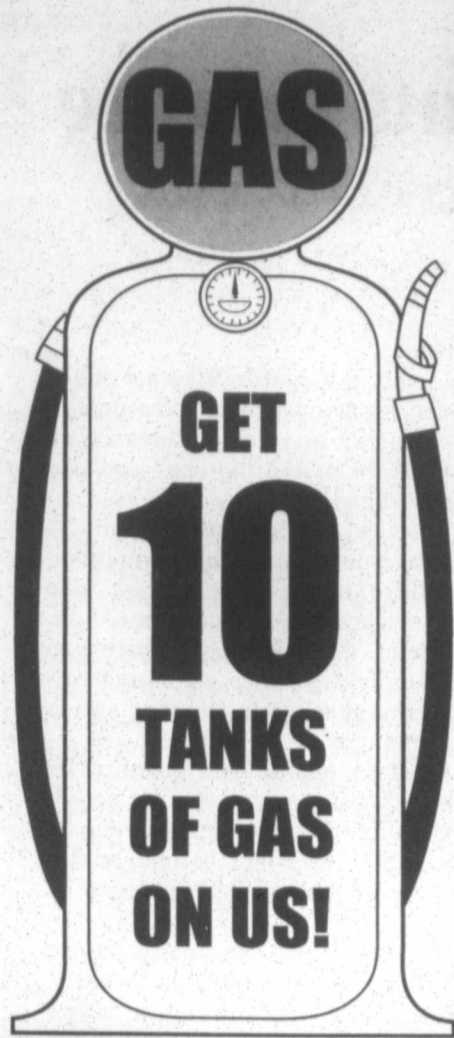
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(NAPSA) — Good news for anyone who wants to dial up affordable phone bills is a law that was drafted more than 71 years ago.

That law protects your right to access affordable telecommunications service no matter where you live in America. This right, known as "universal service," was established by the Communications Act of 1934 and ensures that consumers in rural and geographically isolated areas receive the same affordable telecommunications services as those in urban areas of the country.

Today, some well-intentioned lawmakers are looking to rewrite our telecom laws and universal service is among the many issues on the table.

Universal access to telecommunications services has served as the foundation for building communications connectivity for remote populations for more than a century.

Those in favor of preserving universal service understand that community-based telecom providers built a communications network to serve the sparsely populated and rel-

atively isolated rural areas of the country where the large carriers wouldn't go. These carriers—which serve approximately 40 percent of America's landmass—have historically been pioneers in deploying advanced technologies to their consumers.



Community-based providers have invested significantly in high-speed Internet infrastructure with robust DSL, broadband wireless and fiber-optic deployments. Over time, universal service funds have enabled rural telcos to not only maintain that infrastructure but also update their networks to ensure customers gain access to emerging technologies. Many believe the policy of universal service is more important than

ever for ensuring all Americans have access to affordable emerging voice, video and data technologies, which enable them to meet commerce, national security and public health and safety goals and ensure no community is left behind.

Universal service means community-based providers can improve health care and education initiatives and supply better high-speed Internet service to rural areas.

Key to boosting economic development in rural areas is increasing access to advanced services. The goals of universal service have played a vital role in our national telephone penetration rate of nearly 94 percent. Continued support from this important policy will enable America to achieve a comparable rate of broadband penetration. To learn more about universal service,

visit www.ntca.org. To find out how your legislator feels about this issue, write to U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 and the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Teaching students balance

Today's students must learn to juggle school, sports, community activities and more ...

(NAPSA) — For many of today's youth, life has become a constant juggling act. Balancing school, sports, community activities, part-time jobs and responsibilities at home is not an easy task. In fact, a recent survey indicates that 59 percent of 15 to 17-year-olds say they feel stressed every day.

However, balance is a skill that can be mastered if encouraged at a young age. That's why high schools focus on communicating the importance of becoming well-rounded in every aspect of a student's life. Educators partner with companies and organizations that reward students based on their overall package, rather than focusing solely on the more traditionally areas of academics or sports.

In fact, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award—where school administrators from high schools throughout the country are encouraged to nominate two seniors (one male, one female) whose experiences reflect excellence in academics, athletics and community service—has become popular throughout the country.

"In the first 11 years of our program, we've recognized more than 124,000 students," says Tom Mueller, president and chief executive officer of Wendy's.

"Each year, we see a growing number of high schools choosing to use Wendy's High School Heisman to celebrate students who are able to manage multiple things at once."

So how do students achieve this much-needed balance? According to Rose Rennekamp, vice president of communications for ACT Inc. (the company best known for its college entrance exam), developing time management and organizational skills is one of the first steps teens can take to achieve balance in their lives.

With this in mind, Wendy's High School Heisman and ACT have created a checklist of advice for parents and students on how to achieve a balanced life:

- Master time management. Are you a morning person? Schedule your classes, meetings and final reviews early. Better in the evenings? Set aside time after dinner to study, play sports or

volunteer.

- Get organized. Whether it's a calendar, assignment book or a post-it, plan each day or week in advance so you're aware of the "to-dos" and can plan accordingly.

- Select course work carefully. A high grade-point average is important but college admissions officers also want to see advanced placement or honors courses. Such classes prepare you for the college entrance exam and college-level course work, allowing you to spend time outside the library.

- Think quality over quantity. Be committed to the extracurricular activities you join. It's more impressive to be on the executive board of one or two organizations than to be a member of five.

- Give back. Community service has become an essential part of society. It demonstrates that you are an active and responsible citizen and allows you



to gain exposure to different peoples, cultures and organizations in the community. Volunteering also helps hone networking skills.

- Celebrate diversity. Inquire about scholarships and awards through your principal or guidance counselor. Check free online scholarship services and apply for recognition programs that showcase your achievements. For more information on the Wendy's High School Heisman program or to nominate a student, log on to www.wendysheisman.com.

- Learn the art of saying "no." It's easy to get overwhelmed when you take on too much. Don't be afraid to turn down opportunities; it's all in the approach. Be aware of your obligations and your ratio of committed time vs. free time. If you overbook yourself, everyone loses.

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Making the 'most' out of your abode

(NAPSA) — With millions of baby boomers in the midst of or nearing retirement, there is a wealth of information out there about finding the right retirement strategy — when to retire, where to retire and how to make the most of retirement.

While there is no one right answer, one fact remains constant for the majority of boomers — one of their largest investments is their home and most likely they have built up a lot of equity over the years.

The decision to take advantage of that equity is one way to boost retirement income. By buying a smaller, less expensive home, money is freed up for travel, hobbies, a new home-based business or additional savings for the future.

And, with a new home, the cost and time involved

with general upkeep, maintenance and repairs are greatly reduced, leaving homeowners with more time and money to pursue other interests.

Downsizing to a new, less expensive home isn't necessarily as easy as it sounds in today's hot real estate market, which is why many are turning to factory-built housing.

Today's factory-built houses are a far cry from what boomers may recall. Benefiting from advances in technology and construction methods, homes built in a factory can incorporate all the amenities homebuyers are looking for while generally costing less per square foot than homes built on site.

The ability to get a custom home without the custom

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Guitar collector scores rare finds of historic instruments

SEATTLE (AP) — Peter Blecha calls himself a rock 'n' roll archaeologist.

Blecha has traveled the globe acquiring the rarest, most historic, most innovative specimens ever made.

He has helped to assemble one of the world's most significant collections of historic guitars and other rock memorabilia, highlighted by more than 100 of the world's earliest and "first-ever" electric guitar specimens.

Now Blecha, the former chief curator at the Experience Music Project, is sharing his quest in "Rock & Roll Archaeologist: How I Chased Down Kurt's Stratocaster, the 'Layla' Guitar, and Janis's Boa," to be published in November by Seattle-based Sasquatch Books.

The memoir offers anecdotes about the high-rolling world of rock memorabilia auctions and the flea-market crawls that sometimes unearth historical wonders.

"I was in the right place at the

right time," Blecha said of his eight-year dream gig at the rock museum co-founded by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen. "I was put in charge of telling the history of electric guitars."

Experts from around the world are impressed with Blecha's work.

"EMP indisputably has a phenomenal collection," said George Gruhn, an internationally known author, collector of vintage guitars and owner of Gruhn Guitars, Inc., based in Nashville, Tenn. "He put his heart and soul into it. He was very, very careful in his selection of instruments that showcased the evolution and history of the electric guitar."

While working for EMP, Blecha outbid two other well-heeled collectors in a 1999 Christie's auction for the brown 1956 Fender Stratocaster played by Eric Clapton in the anguish-laden Derek and the Dominoes version of "Layla." Blecha had to go to \$497,000, then a record for the most expensive guitar in history.

"It was exciting," Blecha said. "I was bidding in increments of \$100,000."

Ward Meeker, editor of Vintage Guitar magazine, said the record

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*— Peter Blecha
R & Rl archaeologist*

price has since soared. The modified black Stratocaster that was Clapton's favorite in mid-career sold for \$950,000 after commission last year.

Blecha also found for EMP what was thought to be the world's first electric bass guitar — an Audiovox

model made in Seattle in 1935 — at a local garage sale. It is now on display at the EMP's gallery of historic guitars.

The inventor, Paul Tutmarc, was the first to envision an electrified stringed bass that was shorter, could be played horizontally, and had frets like a six-stringed guitar.

Blecha's 1995 discovery shocked music historians who had credited the renowned Fender company with building the first electric bass in 1951.

"The discovery of this bass changed history," Blecha said. "Tutmarc clearly broke the mold."

Blecha has since found another Audiovox electric bass guitar that may predate the one on display at EMP. He bought it in an eBay auction from an antiques dealer in Eugene, Ore. It is painted a different color and has a brass logo plate on its peghead, similar to models that can be seen in the earliest photos of Tutmarc and his invention.

Chasing down the story of the Audiovox bass guitar has proven

an intriguing challenge for Blecha.

"Tutmarc sold a few of them up here, but there are no known production figures," Blecha said. "And there is no known paperwork from the company."

Solving the Audiovox riddle is just a part of Blecha's lifelong mission to write the history of the Northwest's role in the evolution of rock 'n' roll. Before joining EMP, Blecha founded the Northwest Music Archives and collected 20,000 pieces, spanning from the 1880s to grunge. Many of these pieces were later acquired by EMP.

Since leaving the museum in 2001, Blecha has started rebuilding his personal collection, and has acquired a couple of dozen previously undiscovered regionally made guitars and amplifiers, and 4,000 records featuring music from the Northwest.

Blecha's first book, "Taboo Tunés: A History of Banned Bands and Censored Songs," had a significant chunk of local history.

Ansel Adams' 'Autumn Moon' gives repeat performance

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — As the moon rose in the evening sky, a crowd gathered at Glacier Point to relive an iconic scene captured by photographer Ansel Adams more than 50 years ago.

About 300 amateur photographers, astronomers and other spectators came Thursday to watch conditions align to repeat the scene in the famous Adams image "Autumn Moon."

Astronomers nailed down

the exact time and date that Adams snapped the photograph in Yosemite National Park in 1948 — and determined that the sun and moon would return to the same positions Thursday.

"Autumn Moon: the High

Sierra From Glacier Point" depicts a gauzy moon hanging in the darkening sky above the jagged peaks of the Clark Range. Adams, considered one of the 20th century's greatest photographers, died in 1984.

The view on Thursday came close, many agreed, although it was missing the clouds in the sky, snow on the peaks and the same shadows cast by the moon.

"We're missing the clouds, and we're missing

the snow, but otherwise I think I can approximate the image," said Lane Wilson, an amateur photographer from San Francisco who tried to capture the scene using an old-fashioned 5x7 view camera.

Doctor indicted in wheelchair fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — An unlicensed Houston doctor has been indicted on charges of signing preprinted prescriptions for motorized wheelchairs and subsequently cheating Medicare and Medicaid out of nearly \$10 million.

Linda Morgan, 52, accepted \$250 per signature and prescribed the wheelchairs without seeing patients, according to a 13-count federal indictment made public Thursday.

Morgan was arrested Wednesday at the same address as the Divine Faith Tabernacle, which lists Dr. Linda Morgan as its pastor on the Internet church directory.

Morgan moved to Houston in 2002 after closing an Oklahoma clinic but never obtained a license to practice medicine in Texas, authorities said.

The indictment is at least the fourth in two years in an ongoing fraud investigation.

Five other doctors have been indicted since September 2003 by federal

authorities on charges relating to a scheme in which marketers sold prescriptions to medical equipment dealers. Those dealers, in Texas and other states, then billed the government for the wheelchairs while providing patients with more inexpensive mobility aids such as scooters, according to the indictment.

In May 2003, Harris County accounted for about 36 percent of nationwide requests for Medicare wheelchair payments, Medicare officials have said.

Two doctors have pleaded guilty and three, including Morgan, are awaiting trial. One doctor is awaiting a second trial after the first ended in a hung jury.

Morgan is charged with one count of conspiracy and 12 counts of health-care fraud. If convicted, she faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each fraud charge. A conviction on the conspiracy charge could yield five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Fight begins on weed worse than kudzu

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — Cogon grass, a hardy weed that has overwhelmed forests in Africa and Asia, has established a beachhead in the Southeast, where officials hope to stamp it out, or at least stop its invasive spread.

Producing seeds that can blow up to 15 miles in the wind, Cogon grass has the potential to be far more of a scourge than kudzu, a Japanese plant that has spread to 7 million acres in the southern United States, enveloping trees, road signs and houses.

Experts warn that given enough time, Cogon grass could turn the Southeast into a biological desert — a grassy savanna devoid of all native species.

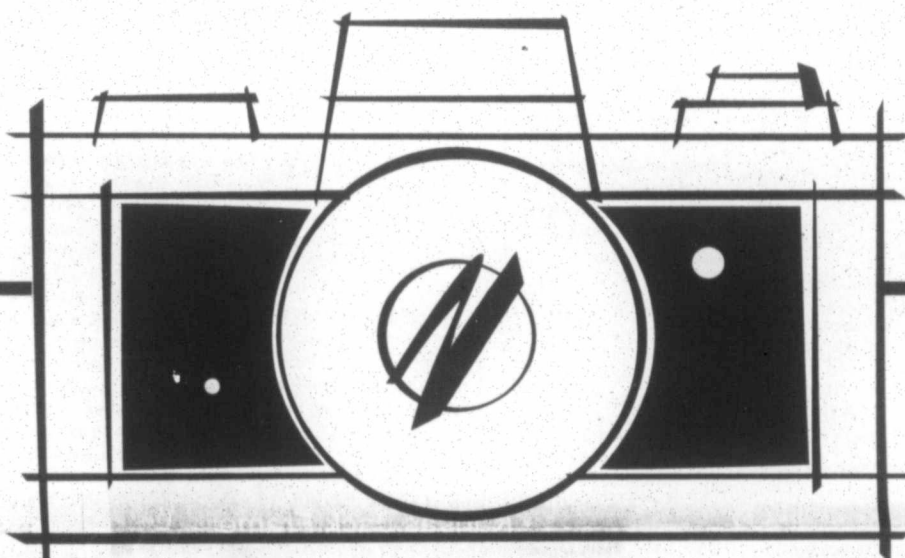
"It's a much more horrific invader than kudzu ever was," said the U.S. Forest Service's Jim Miller, who has studied both plants and has seen Cogon devastation firsthand in other parts of the world. "No other plant has transformed cultures and productions on more conti-

nents than Cogon grass." Ranked among the world's 10 most dangerous weeds, Cogon grass has displaced African nomads and taken over clearings in Asian forests used for centuries to grow crops.

The weed slipped into the U.S. through the port at Mobile, Ala., as packing material in 1912. A native of southeastern Asia, it thrives in shade or sun, in poor or rich soil. Cogon grass has spread to every continent except Antarctica, occupying about 1.2 billion acres worldwide.

Nationally, Cogon grass has already invaded natural areas, hunting preserves and roadsides in numerous Southern states, including about 1 million acres in Florida.

Cogon grows up to 4 feet tall in round patches that spread. It was once planted in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi for erosion control and forage. But few animals will eat its saw-tooth leaves containing silica crystals.



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Intimate Theatre opens with student directed production of 'Echoes'

CANYON — The Intimate Theatre at West Texas A&M University provides the perfect setting for Echoes, an emotional, dramatic play with a surprise twist at the end.

The student-directed production will take to the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday with a three-character cast, limited sets and zero props. Shayna Oden, a senior theatre major from Watauga, will direct, and stage manager is C.C. Cleaver, a freshman theatre major from Claude.

"I came across the script while I was in high school and I fell in love with it," Oden said. "I'm excited about this opportunity to do it."

"Echoes," a play written by N. Richard Nash, is an Award Play of The American Playwrights Theatre. It tells the story of Sam and Tilda, two patients in an asylum, who create their own paradise through their imaginations. A third character, referred to as The Other, appears and threatens to destroy their paradise of peace, love and happiness.

Oden earned the right to direct the play after completing two semester courses on directing with Royal Brantley, professor of theatre and head of the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre. Students who pass the courses can apply for independent study direct-



Shayna Oden, senior theatre major from Watauga and director of "Echoes," works with a cast member in preparation for the production's opening on Thursday.

ing opportunities. Members of the theatre faculty review the applications and a student director is named.

"We offered three student directing slots this year," Brantley said. "We're experimenting with new production formats

given the additional performance spaces that will be available in the new Fine Arts Complex. This year's experiments will allow us to prepare for the new building."

In addition to Oden's Echoes, the Department of Art, Communication and

Theatre will present two other student-directed plays this year. Michael Newman, a senior theatre major from Amarillo, will direct Art in November, and Will Grayson, a junior theatre major from Roanoke, will direct The Maiden's Prayer in March.

People in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — Angelina Jolie, the tattooed actress and U.N. goodwill ambassador, is the new face of luxury apparel label St. John.

Jolie also will be the voice behind the company's new charity created in support of children's issues and causes, it was recently announced.

"Angelina Jolie embodies so many qualities of what St. John represents. She is strong, independent and dynamic. She's a mother, actress and a philanthropist," Richard Cohen, chief executive officer of St. John, said in a statement.

St. John's new advertising campaign with the 30-year-old actress, set to launch in spring 2006 publications, will be shot by photographer Mario Testino.

The ad campaign's creative direction will "take inspiration from the company's native California and will evoke a mood synonymous with effortless, Hollywood glamour," the company said.

In a statement, Jolie said: "I am a working mother who has set goals to accomplish a lot in this world. I want my wardrobe to be beautiful, sexy and comfortable — all at the same time. St. John is all of those things."

Supermodel Gisele Bundchen starred in St. John's fall advertising campaign.

On the Net:
<http://www.stjohnknits.com/sjkinternet/launch.cfm>

NEW YORK (AP) — Several leaders attending a U.N. summit joined international celebrities to support programs to preserve the environment as a means to help end poverty.

Camera flashes lit up the night Wednesday as the VIPs headed into a restaurant in Central Park for a program by the Poverty-Environment Partnership, a network of organizations promoting U.N. goals to promote development and save the world's natural habitat.

"Undermining and not understanding the environment is the problem," said Angelique Kidjo, who was born in the African country of Benin.

The singer explained that destruction of the environment creates natural disasters, leaving the poor stranded.

As guests dined, Swedish Foreign Minister Laila Freivalds announced that her country will invest \$150 million in environmental protection for the poor.

The solution is not new for Scandinavian countries "who were conducting research in the early 1960s" on how poverty is affected by the environment, said Freivalds.

Media mogul Ted Turner, whose visit with leaders in North Korea last month included discussions over environmental issues, attended as a guest. "I'm only here to support the cause," Turner said.

Former Vice President Al Gore sat at a table near Turner. The president of Gambia, officials from Finland and Norway, and actresses Rosario Dawson, Sophia Bush and Kerry Washington were also in the audience.

Wyclef Jean, a former member of the Fugees, was at the event endorsing a campaign to plant trees in areas of Haiti destroyed by Hurricane Jeanne.

Home

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price is especially attractive to a generation that has been defined by its individualism.

"Flexibility in factory-built home design allows a homebuyer to add features that can truly enhance

lifestyles," said Grover Tarlton, vice president of marketing for Champion Enterprises, "whether that's a designer kitchen, computer room, exercise room, home theater or all four."

Champion, a leader in the factory-built housing industry, operates nationwide through the Champion family of homebuilders.

"As a boomer myself, I know that it's all about options and affordability," continued Tarlton, "from build-

ing on the property of your choice — whether that's in your hometown or 500 miles away — to building in less time and for less money than a traditionally built home."

Buying a new home, while still a sizable investment, can make good financial sense. And moving to a home designed with lifestyle enhancing features and costing less each month can be the foundation of a sound retirement strategy.

Range monitoring workshops slated in October

By STEVE BYRNS
Texas A&M News

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled three Fall Range Monitoring Workshops during October.

They are:

-Oct. 12, Fredericksburg, Extension office, 95 Frederick Rd. (Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 7), call (830) 997-3452;

-Oct. 25, Odessa, Kellus Turner Community Center, 2261 W. Sycamore Drive, (Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 21), call (432) 498-4071; and

-Oct. 27, Sonora, Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett, (Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 21), call (325) 387-3101.

Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist here, said the goal of the workshops is to train landowners to monitor rangeland health.

"Land managers who monitor their range

are better able to set correct stocking rates and protect or improve their forage production," he said.

Extension range specialists from across the state will teach the workshops. The curriculum centers around a practical, yet simple, monitoring system that works well for landowners, managers and private consultants.

"The system helps producers improve their range and identify problems before damage is done," McGinty said.

Participants will learn monitoring skills during the morning sessions and apply them in the field during the afternoon sessions. Each site will offer the same instruction.

Individual pre-registration is \$15. Individual registration after the designated dates is \$25.

For more information on the workshops, contact McGinty at (325) 653-4576.

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