

Loraine to celebrate homecoming this weekend

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Loraine will be a booming place this weekend as Loraine Independent School District, celebrates its annual homecoming festivities with several activities, including a parade through downtown and the induction of a former LHS athlete into the school's

Wall of Honor.

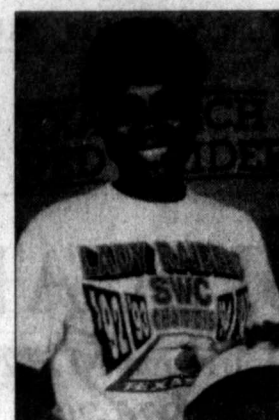
Homecoming activities swing into action Friday afternoon as the school lets out at noon in order for students to put the finishing touches on their parade entries. The homecoming parade will begin at 6 p.m. at the Loraine High School horseshoe drive. The parade will wind its way to downtown

before ending.

Following the parade, students and former LHS exes will attend the bonfire, beginning at 8:30 p.m. near the ag barn.

On Saturday, the homecoming hoopla will peak. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Loraine varsity football team square off against rival West-

brook at Johnson Field. At the half of the non-district bout, the 2006 LHS King and Queen will be announced. Former Loraine -- and Texas Tech -- star Michi Atkins will also be inducted into the school's Wall of Honor. She will be the third former LHS star enshrined, joining Ricky Bailey and the late Jeffrey Merket.



Courtesy photo
FORMER LORAIN STAR Michi Atkins will be enshrined in the LHS "Wall of Honor" on Saturday. She will be the third LHS athlete honored.



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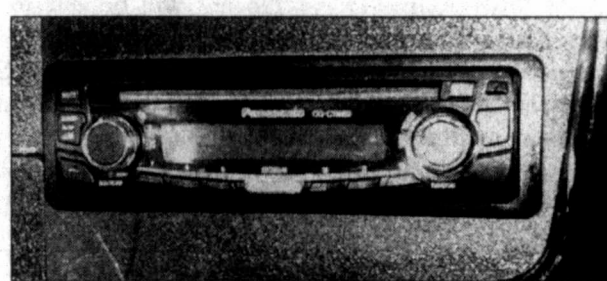
Thursday, September 21, 2006

'Proud History, Promising Future'

Colorado City, Loraine & Westbrook

'I can't say thanks enough to them for what they've done.'

Pimped his ride



Record Photo/Tommy Wells
LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL senior Alejandro Lopez shows off his remodeled 1984 Jimmy. The car was refurbished through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Make-A-Wish Foundation makes Loraine youth's dream come true

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Alejandro Lopez received every young man's wish last Friday -- a total car makeover.

And he knows just who to thank for pimping his ride: The Make-A-Wish Foundation, the United Auto Workers' union and the General Motors corporation and Lawrence Hall Chevrolet of

Abilene.

The four entities took it upon themselves recently to make Lopez' dream of having a dependable vehicle for he and his family a reality.

Lopez, who was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of two, received his refurbished 1984 GMC Jimmy last Friday at a special ceremony at the Lawrence Hall dealership in Abilene as part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's out-

reach effort to youths with life-threatening conditions.

"What they did to it was really nice," said Lopez, who was diagnosed by doctors with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of two months. "I really like what they did. I can't say thanks enough to them for what they've done. It (the vehicle) is a whole lot better than it was before."

As part of the refurbishing, employ-

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City council to re-examine RV park proposal

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Harmonizing on a rendition of "Happy Birthday" wasn't the only song the Colorado City Council was singing Tuesday night.

They also spent plenty of words talking about creating homes on the range.

Saying the city needed to examine ways to meet possible growth in the future, members of the Colorado City City Council on Tuesday evening said it would re-examine possibility of upgrading its recreational vehicle parking site at Ruddick Park.

Any upgrades, however, were not intended to compete with private businesses, only to serve as a safety valve.

"We do not want to get involved where private businesses might prosper," said mayor Jim Baum. "But we also need to be ready if some of the private business ventures don't develop."

Among the developments city officials are waiting to hear

about is a proposed 83-acre RV park on I-20 that could offer up to 200 parking sites for recreational vehicles. Ernie Wood, who is planning to develop the Madera Springs RV Community on land he owns, was scheduled to have briefed city councilmen at Tuesday's meeting but was unable to attend.

City manager Paul Catoe said Wood's site is one of several projects that have been discussed.

As part of its preparations for any other proposed sites, city leaders authorized Jacob and Martin Engineering firm to upgrade a report it did a year ago detailing the impact on the city's sewer, water and electrical infrastructure. Originally, the firm had estimated it would cost \$12,500 to create 10 sites at Ruddick Park.

Ken Martin said Wood's park could run in excess of \$100,000, according to figures created two years ago.

City councilmen also addressed a situation with the

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Local officers seize 900 pounds of drugs in I-20 stop

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Local law enforcement officers recorded a major haul Tuesday afternoon during a stop on Interstate 20 in Mitchell County.

According to preliminary reports, officers with the Mitchell County District Attorney's

office seized approximately 900 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop on I-20. The drug was discovered in an 18-wheeler.

The vehicle was impounded. No other information was available at press time.

CISD educator is named TAGT 'Advocate of the year'

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Colorado Independent School District has always prided itself on assembling the best possible staffs for its students.

The Texas Association for Gifted and Talented accented the district's drive for top-

notch teachers and administrators recently when they named Janey Burke as one of the top education officials in the state. Burke, earlier this month, was named the TAGT "Advocate of the Year" for Region 14.

"Janey Burke is a Regional

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Annual 'Farm Tour' set to hit the road on Sept. 21

The annual Mitchell County Ag Day and Crop Tour is scheduled to return on Sept. 21.

Mitchell County Extension

Agent John Senter leads interested residents on a tour of various agricultural operations in the county. The tour, a long-time tradition in the county,

will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the C.C. Thompson Room.

"This tour serves several purposes," said Senter, who has guided the past seven events.

"It raises the awareness of the importance of agriculture in the county, and it allows agriculture producers to get time

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Around Town

Happy 86th birthday Ema-beth Thompson (Sept. 20)... Happy belated birthday Toni Molina (Sept. 17)... Happy 30th anniversary Carmen and Manuel Gonzales Jr. (Sept. 25)... Aurora Melendez coming up with some new ideas... John Beckmeyer looking forward to another good home-cooked meal... Welcome back, Loraine graduates!

Obituaries

Betty Calvert, Dunn
Preston Burchard, California
Jane Hayes, Coahoma
C.M. Word, Colorado City

Answerline

Q. How much money did Dan Rather give to his alma mater, Sam Houston State in Huntsville?
A. \$2 million, all designated for scholarships in communications.

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Oct. 4th from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Bring child's immunization records and/or Medicaid or CHIP card. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

Benefit Dinner

Mi Ranchito will host a benefit dinner on Sun., Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enchilada plates (enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, tea & dessert) will be \$7 each. Proceeds will go toward funeral expenses for Luis Pineda Jr.

Briefs

ner on Sun., Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enchilada plates (enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, tea & dessert) will be \$7 each. Proceeds will go toward funeral expenses for Luis Pineda Jr.

B&PW Scholarship

The Business & Professional Women's Club is taking applications for a scholarship to be

awarded by the club. Applications may be obtained at City National Bank from Sue Womack, teller. Completed applications may be returned to Sue Womack at City National Bank no later than Sept. 29.

Band Booster

There will be a CHS Band Booster meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26th @ 6:00 pm at the Band Hall.

Lake Levels

(as of September 19, 2006)

Lake Colorado City...2065.43'

Full at 2070.3'

Down 4.87'

Lake Champion...2040.94'

Full at 2083'

Down 42.06'

Levels courtesy of United States Geological Service

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Clifford M. Word

1926-2006

Mr. Clifford M. (C.M.) Word, age 80, of Colorado City, died Sat., Sept. 16, 2006, in a local care center. Private memorial services will be held at a later date with arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Word was born to Clifford A. and Ruby Lee Dagonell Word on June 3, 1926, in Waxahachie. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He married Jo Fields on Apr. 26, 1976. He retired from Sun Oil after 38 years of service. C.M. enjoyed retirement and loved his wife.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Word of Colorado City; children, David Word of Snyder, Carolyn and husband, Larry Don Watlington of Colorado City, Tanya and husband, Don Blackwood of Midland and three daughters of Snyder; 13 grandchildren including Mark, Amy, Casey, Luke, Bryan and Brandy; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews including James Perkins of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Betty Jo Calvert

1933-2006

Memorial services for Betty Jo Calvert, age 73, of Dunn, were held Sun., Sept. 17, 2006, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Rev. Jon Hester officiating. Mrs. Calvert died Thurs., Sept. 14, 2006, at her home in Dunn after a sudden illness.

Betty was born July 7, 1933, in Farley, NM. She married Jim Calvert on Sept. 12, 1952, in Alpine. She had lived in Dunn for the past 12 years. She was formerly the secretary at Colorado City Livestock Market. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Calvert of Dunn; a daughter, Laurie Calvert Sellars of Bend; a son, Joe Calvert; five grandchildren, Julie Atkins, Bobby Sellars, Autumn Calvert and Rowdy and Traci Calvert; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Josephine Newton and a brother, Donald Newton.

Jane Williams Hays

1933-2006

Mrs. Jane Williams Hays, age 73, of Coahoma, died Tues., Sept. 12, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Graveside services were held Fri., Sept. 15, 2006, in the Iatan Cemetery with Rev. James Edwards officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hays was born to Charlie and Frankie Prater Williams on Jan. 4, 1933, in Coleman County. She married Dois Hays on June 4, 1951, in Carlsbad, NM. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dois Hays of Colorado City; one daughter, Juanita Kelly of Seattle, WA; one son, William and wife, Margie Hays of Odessa; a daughter-in-law, Sylvia Webb of Eastland; a sister, Betty Ake of Comanche; a brother, John Sparks of Kingman, AZ; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Gary Hays.

Preston Coleman Burchard

1923-2006

Preston Coleman Burchard, age 83, of Palo Alto, CA, died Sept. 14, 2006. A memorial service will be held Fri., Sept. 29, at 3 p.m. at the Unity of Palo Alto Community Church.

A bay area resident for 60 years, he graduated from Stanford University with an M.A. in History. He pursued a career in electronics in Silicon Valley beginning with Lytton Industries, retiring from Watkins & Johnson. He had a lifelong interest in his family history and genealogy, his family's ranch near Colorado City and protection of the environment.

He is survived by extensive family, including his wife of 23 years, Norma; his sons, Tom and his wife, Brenda and Roland and his wife, Janet; his daughter, Anna; three stepdaughters, Patricia Samuelson, Cynthia Reis and Tracy Samuelson; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his former wife, Jo Matter Burchard; a sister, Alice Goodridge and her family and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, John Preston Burchard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to you local Salvation Army.

CITY

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condition of a crumbling building on 2nd Street. The building, located at 147 East 2nd Street, is leaning outward and the roof has collapsed.

"We have a building, in particular the one at 147 East 2nd Street, that is falling down," said Catoe. "It's my opinion they the city needs to take immediate action to deal with this."

As part of the discussion, city officials authorized an Abilene firm to inspect the structure for asbestos. Following the results, city officials have said they will call a meeting of the Colorado City Housing Standards Committee to declare an emergency situation.

The owners of the property have indicated they are willing to

donate it to the city as part of the Main Street Program's beautification project. Once cleared, the land could be used by the city for public restroom facilities in the downtown area.

However, before the city can act, the CCHSA must declare a structure a danger to the public before the city can act.

The CCHSA could also declare emergency demolition for four other structures in the city when it meets.

In other business, the city accepted Jay McCollum's resignation from the Airport Advisory Board and approved a bid of \$9,491 from Four Seasons Siding and Insulation of Big Spring to inject foam insulation into the Heritage House.

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Junktique Jamboree dates are rapidly approaching

Just two and a half weeks until the grand event Frontier Junktique Jamboree!

Everyone has been great to volunteer resources and time.

At this point, we have a mantle, antique tools, a decorative blanket, lamps and furniture as well as numerous smaller items. Keep those donations for the auction coming and you can drop them off at the chamber office, 728-3403.

Some special Sunday events have been added to our festival. Gospelfest will be on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8 to add to that great country Sunday atmosphere.

Our very own Camel-ot is coming that same Sunday with a cowboy twist. Doug Baum with his much sought after camel coup will make an appearance and include two educational sessions - one at 1

p.m. and then again at 3 p.m. He has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers. We are thrilled that he will appear on Sunday.

The Thrift Store Cowboys will be appearing at our Saturday night Cotton Boll Ball from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Railhead Building. Tickets can be purchased beginning next week. The band came highly recommended.

If you need postcards to send family or friends, please let us know. Again, thanks to all who have helped and made this event so much fun to plan.

No one will be able to say that there is nothing to do here on the weekend of Oct. 6, 7, 8. Plan to come down to shop, play and just sit and visit. We want everyone to have a great time.



DOWN MAIN STREET WAY
By
CECILIA SCOTT
COORDINATOR

KCCB honors Hutchinson students with YOM honor

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

Keep Colorado City Beautiful took a step toward "growing" the next generation of yard enthusiasts this past week when members of the organization honored the students at Hutchinson Elementary with "Yard of the Month" honors.

KCCB presented its latest "Yard of the Month" award last week at

CISD OKs deal with Spartan

Tommy Wells

Colorado City Record

The Colorado Independent School District announced last week it had renewed its rental agreement with Spartan Rural Public Transportation for office space at the Wallace Center.

Under the terms of the agreement, Spartan will pay the district \$100 per month plus any additional overtime costs needed in connection with its operation at the facility.

Spartan, the only local pub-

lic transportation service in the county since Greyhound Bus Lines abandoned its Mitchell County route. Spartan has rented office space from the school in each of the last several years.

The students were presented with a sign to display in the park acknowledging the honor and a letter of recognition.

CRIME STOPPERS REWARD

Last month someone took the bench at the Veterans Memorial at Mitchell County Hospital. It is a metal and wood bench approximately 6 ft. long with the symbol of an eagle in the center of the back rest.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1000 reward for information concerning the recovery of this bench. Call 325-728-TIPS (8477). You will not be asked your name and no one will know who called.

Music legend to perform at C-City Opry on Sept. 28

Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Country music legends Ferlin Husky and Leona Williams will perform at the C-City Opry on Thursday night, Sept. 28. The two will stage two shows for local residents.

Husky, a star on the Grand Ol' Opry, and Williams, the former wife of country legend Merle Haggard, will be supported by Curtis Potter on guitar and vocals, Jim Loessburg on steel guitar, Reggie Rueffer on fiddle and Abilene's Randy Lovell on the drums.

According to C-City Opry organizer Doyle "Shady" Mitchell, the first show will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the second at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets for the shows are priced at \$25 each.

In addition to Husky and Williams, Mitchell said the Opry would host several other big-name stars in the near future.

Mitchell indicates Lisa Layne and her band from Branson, Missouri, will be on hand on Oct. 28. Layne and the band will be performing her "Remembering Patsy Cline" show. The show will go through Patsy's singing career from the beginning until her death in a tragic plane crash.

There will be two shows, and the price per ticket has been set at \$20 each.

On Nov. 30, Tony Booth will be performing at the Opry. Booth was a huge performer in the 1970's and 80's with such hits as



Courtesy photo

COUNTRY STARS FERLIN Husky and Leona Williams will perform two shows at the C-City Opry on Sept. 28. Tickets are still available.

"The Keys in the Mailbox."

Tickets for that show are also priced at \$20 each.

A Christmas show has been booked for Dec. 14 with Justin Trevino and Curtis Potter slated to perform. Though the show will have a Christmas theme there will be a mix of old Christmas tunes as well as country and western music.

The new year will get off to a great start as "The Platters" will be bringing their talent-laden show to Colorado City on Jan. 25 for a two-show performance.

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LOCAL NEWS

Area residents must remain wary of disasters

John Senter
Mitchell CEA-Ag

In response to the terrible disasters which hit the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, the entire world was forced to make changes. These changes are obvious in all aspects of our every day lives. Perhaps the most evident in the way our airports and harbors are in a state of heightened awareness.

This state of awareness has filtered to our state agencies and has even required extension agents across Texas to become instigators of emergency preparedness. As we begin to think about being prepared and how we could be affected in Mitchell County, we are probably fairly safe from terrorists. However, in the truest sense of the word, we must not get caught living in "La-La" land and forget that we, too, can have a disaster.

Things like tornadoes, floods and wildfires are the three major things that come to mind and can very easily impact our lives.

These things must be on our minds after the devastating fires from the Panhandle to Cross Plains.

Tornadoes are common for our area and even though we are far removed from our most recent real flood, they can still happen.

That's why each of us should have some level of disaster preparedness around our homes, farms and ranches.

On the average, the United States faces \$52 billion per year in damage due to disasters - that's \$1 billion per week. In recent times, outside of terrorist attacks, fires, floods and hurricanes Katrina and Rita have resulted in the greatest losses. Preparedness is something that we

should all plan for in the event that we need it.

As we think about preparedness in our farms and ranches, the Mitchell County Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is charged with planning and implementing many of the educational programs conducted in the county each year. Along with our office, this committee has implemented the Animal Issues Committee. The membership of this group is charged with developing a set of guidelines and resources to assist both large and small animal owners in the event of a disaster in our county.

It deserves thought for every resident in Mitchell County to prepare an emergency disaster kit, just in the long-shot event it is ever needed. Our office has examples of these kits and we urge you to come by our office at your convenience to look at the items in the kit. As you give consideration to your own disaster preparedness plan and supplies, keep the following things

in mind:

- You should be prepared to improvise and use what is on hand to make it on your own for at least three days.
- Know your local emergency management system.
- Have a disaster supply kit on hand for your home and in a vehicle and know where these are located.
- You should have a gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation.
- All stored food should be non-perishable and include items such as protein bars, dried fruit or canned food.
- Make certain that your kit has simple first aid items such as bandages, extra prescription medication and antiseptic treatments for injuries.
- Make sure you have a NOAA weather radio or other battery-powered radio on hand to stay up to date on changing conditions or emergency announcements.

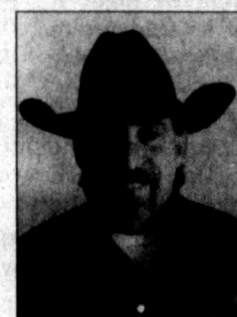
Although this information may seem a bit far-fetched and

be looked upon as "something that happens to the other guy", take time to be prepared because it only takes a minute for things to change and you find yourself in a position to need it.

Finally, extension has developed a vast amount of material to offer support and education information to help you and your family be better prepared and informed. This information can be found at our county website at <http://mitchell-co.tamu.edu>. Our Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) offers a vast array of information to help you protect yourself, your family and your homes.

Take time this week to become better prepared and, as always, if some portion of this brings questions, feel free to call us 728-3111.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



John Senter



JUSTIN AND HEIDI Harris were honored at last week's annual 4-H Awards Banquet as the Outstanding 4-H Adult Leaders. They will represent the local club at the District Adult Leader Banquet to be held in Lubbock on Nov. 20. The Harris own C.C. Quality Meats and The Sportsman's Club.

Ag secretary extends emergency livestock grazing on CRP acreage

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns extended the window for emergency livestock grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for farmers and ranchers who are impacted by drought in 30 states. The traditional deadline for emergency grazing on CRP acres is September 30.

"Extremely dry weather conditions have created real hardships for farmers and ranchers in many parts of the country this year," said Johanns. "This emergency relief measure will provide feed and forage to producers who have lost hay stocks and grazing lands because of drought."

The 30 eligible states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

State FSA committees and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state technical committees must agree on the need for the emergency grazing extensions before they are finalized. Once approved, producers in the 30 states may graze on CRP land until the following dates:

- Oct. 20, 2006 - Idaho, Iowa,

Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin;

- Nov. 10, 2006 - Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Missouri, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming; and
- Nov. 30, 2006 - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Emergency haying of CRP acreage ends Sept. 30, 2006.

In mid-July, USDA announced the expansion of eligible CRP acreage for emergency grazing

and haying in Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. The expanded area radiates 150 miles out from any county approved for emergency haying and grazing in any above-mentioned state.

Additionally, USDA announced that CRP rental payments will be reduced by 10 percent on CRP lands that are grazed in 2006.

USDA may allow producers to graze or hay on CRP acreage under certain conditions such as during times of drought.

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Advocate of the gifted because her focus as a parent, an educator, and an administrator is gifted children," said Dr. Cecelia Boswell, the Region 14 Board Representative. "Her commitment to gifted education in the 20 years I have known her has

been unwavering."

Burke, who had previously served as the principal at Highland and Colorado High School, is the supervisor of CISD's Alternative Education Program (AEP) and its testing director.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Words on the walls of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

On my last visit to Santa Fe I made my usual stop at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. It had an exhibition that highlighted some of the more than 1,000 new works. I've always been impressed with this artist who spent the years 1916 to 1918 in the Texas panhandle creating images of the Palo Duro Canyon. This time, though, I was fascinated with some of her quotations, which were printed on the walls of the museum:

"Color is one of the great things in the world that makes life worth living."

"One paints what is around."

"In front of my house there are low scrub bushes and cottonwood trees and, further out, a line of hills. And then I have this mountain. A flat top mountain that slopes off on each side. A blue mountain. And to the left you can see snow covered mountains, far, far away."

"It's my mountain."

"I once spent three and a half months flying around the world. I was surprised that there were so many desert areas with large river beds running through them. I made many drawings about one and a half inches square of the rivers seen from the air. At home I made larger charcoal drawings from the little pencil drawings."

"Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest."

"Singing has always seemed to me the most perfect means of expression... it is so spontaneous... since I cannot sing I paint."

"Nothing is less real than realism... details are confusing. It is only by selection, by elimination, by emphasis, that we get at the real meaning of things."

"From experiences of one kind or another shapes and colors come to me very clearly."

"I paint what interests me and what I see."

"Women don't make good painters, they said. I had never thought of it that way. I just painted, that was all."

"It is easier for me to paint it than to write about it and I would so much rather people would look at it than read about it."

"My painting is what I have to give back to the world for what the world gives to me."

"When I was at Mabel's house in Taos, there was an alfalfa field like a large green saucer. On one side of the field was a path lined with flowers... one day walking down the path I picked a large blackish red hollyhock and some bright dark blue larkspur that immediately went into a painting - and then another painting."

Discovering the meaning of the 'w' word

OFF THE BEATEN PATH...

By TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



There's a huge story unfolding on the northeastern plains in Montana right now, but no one is supposed to hear a word about it. Not even a peep from the state's many sheep because the government is hiding the information for fear it could cause gas prices to increase and the JFK single-shooter theory to come under suspicion.

It all has to be kept under wraps for a while.

This might have been bigger than Area 51. I have it on a pretty good source that Dubya is planning to officially name the place Area M because an upside-down M is a dubya ... and because no one can complain it's a secret prison - even though no one will ever see it in Montana - where the latest census said there was roughly 111 people.

If this event hadn't happened, there could have been bedlam in the Badlands. Teachers and school educators could have been screaming because kids weren't learning all the words in the dictionary. PETA (the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) would have probably picketed and had Pamela Anderson stand in front of a sign that almost every man on the planet would have read as, "Please cheer for the boobies!" (In almost every man's defense, it's hard to read signs that are bent out of shape. How is the male species supposed to know the sign was supposed to say "Cheer for the boobies!" if the posterboard is all bent out of shape.)

But, you can relax. Nothing is going to happen.

You can also tell everyone you found out about the whole situation right here in the paper.

Here's the whole dilemma: A little

school on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana made it possible for every one of its students to overcome a learning disability last Friday by winning a football game.

A football game? Understand this wasn't just any game for the Brockton Eagles. This was THE BIGGEST GAME in the history of the Brockton Eagles.

What made it so big, you say? Well, to start with it was the first time the Eagles had ever won a varsity six-man football game. Secondly, it ended the longest losing streak among small schools in the United States and Canada.

I mean it's big when you get your first wins ... especially if it has taken more than 5 years to get it.

Personally, I can relate to the Eagles' monumental win ... and how much it will mean to the entire community.

That game may have saved the entire community of Brockton from suffering from the same mental anguish that I - and the other 14 Ranger Bulldogs football fans - had while growing up in the shadow of Eastland.

Because, to put it mildly, we ... uh ... uh ... we sucked so badly that for many years my mother wanted to hook a hose to my mouth and vacuum the carpet with my head. To this day, a role of duct tape

and a water hose gives me nightmares.

I'm not trying to say Ranger was victory-challenged while I was going to school. That would be a lie. In order to be "challenged" you have to know what a victory was.

I didn't even know you were allowed to say the "w" word until I graduated from school. It was something we never said at home, at school, in the car or around my parents so I figured it had to be one of those words that would give your mother the urge to make you gargle with dish soap.

I mean, come on, it is a four letter word if you add a period or exclamation point to it.

Thankfully, when I was at the ripe-old age of 21, I learned what "win" meant. It wasn't bad. In fact, it was good.

Many moons later, I later asked my mother why she used all that dishwashing soap on my younger brother and I. She said, she thought we liked it, plus it was the quickest way to get rid of the cheap stuff our dad had bought on sale.

Anyway, after years of being beaten, plucked, drilled, white-washed and caged, the Brockton Eagles managed to get a "w."

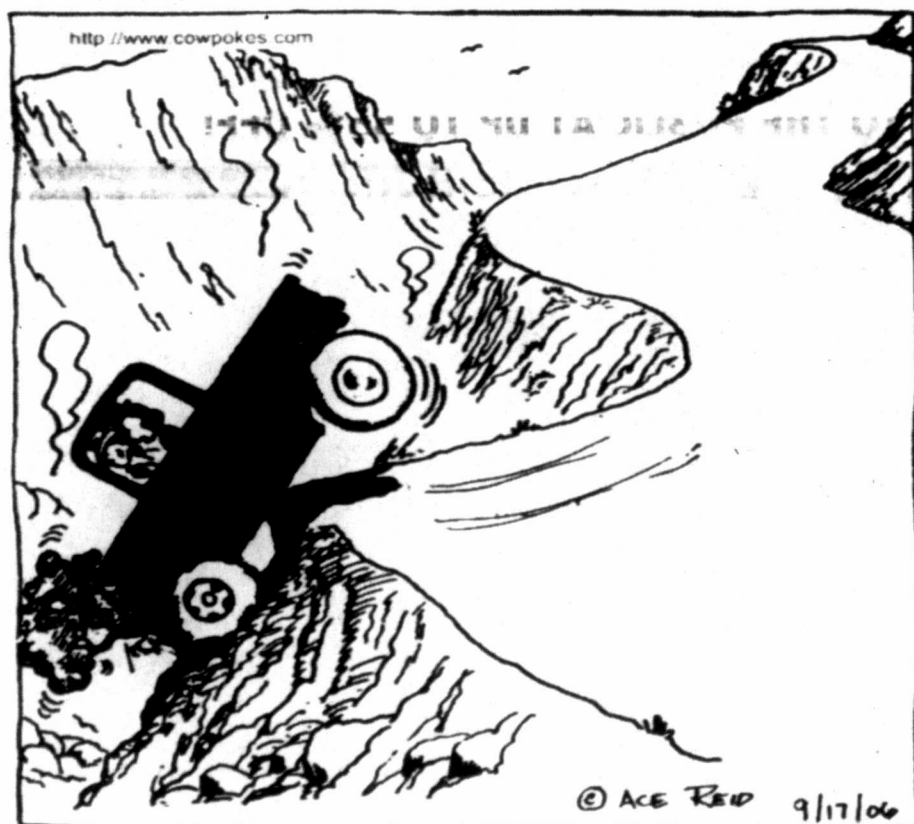
I know there's a gaggle of young boys somewhere running around screaming, "We can say win! ... We can say win! ... na-na-nee-boo-boo, stick your head in do-do."

Remember, though, you can't say anything about it for a while.

Hopefully, it stays a secret long enough so PETA can bring Pammie in. I just want to prove to She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad that I can read.

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Sat., Dec. 9	Christmas Ball w/Jody Nix	728-3403	Civic Center

Great moments catch us unaware - don't miss yours

Thanks to a friend who sent this; its writer is unknown. Please read!

Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living. One night I responded to a call to a house in the less-affluent part of town. When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, and then drive away.

But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself.

So I walked to the door and knocked. "Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80s stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase.

The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she asked. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly

toward the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated."

"Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly.

"Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice."

I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

"What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she softly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now."

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a drive-

way that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said.

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

"You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly speak. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one. Don't miss one!

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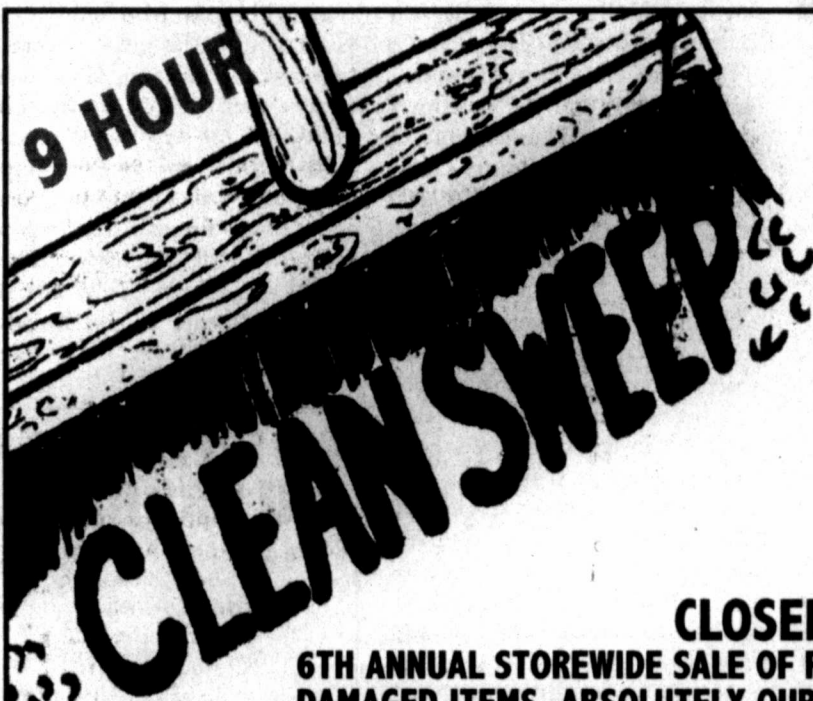
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LOCAL NEWS



LORRAINE'S ALEJANDRO LOPEZ stands with the 1984 Jimmy that was retrofitted for him by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The repairs took three months in Abilene.

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ees at Lawrence Hall - with the financial and material backing of General Motors, the UAW and the Make-A-Wish Foundation - used over 200 man-hours to replace the vehicle's upholstery, repair the badly cracked dashboard, install carpeting on the floorboard and repair the engine. They also installed a new carburetor, a compact disc player, and replaced several broken windows - including the windshield - and touched up the exterior's paint.

For Lopez, the vehicle upgrade was a three-month ordeal. After being notified earlier this summer that he had been selected as a participant in the Make-A-Wish Foundation program, he drove the vehicle to Abilene.

On Sept. 15, representatives of the four organizations presented him with the key to a vehicle that hardly resembled the one his parents, Manuel and Rosa, had purchased a few years ago.

"It was nice," said Lopez. "I was really shocked."

For Lopez, the Make-A-Wish effort began at the Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Dur-

ing one of the visits he has to make every three months to test his breathing ability and diet, he was told about the program. He applied shortly afterward, hoping to be selected.

"I can't say thanks enough to them for what they've done. It (the vehicle) is a whole lot better than it was before."

**Alejandro Lopez
Lorraine student**

"The people from the Make-A-Wish Foundation contacted me and asked me what I wanted most," he said. "I asked them if they could fix up my car so I could get to school and make things easier for my parents."

"They said they could do that,"

he added.

Lopez, who plays on the Lorraine football and basketball teams, said he was impressed with the Make-A-Wish Foundation effort, and the work put in by all four groups to help him.

"It's a great thing they do for people to allow them to have something nice," he said. "I thank them a lot."

Lorraine Independent School District Eric Stoddard said the Make-A-Wish Foundation could have made a better choice than Lopez. His values and character traits, Stoddard said, will make sure their gift is one that will never be forgotten.

"I think it was a great choice," Stoddard said. "Alejandro is a very deserving young man some excellent values. He probably wouldn't say it, but he is always saying when he graduates he wants to get a career that will allow him to make enough money to help his family."

"He's an outstanding young man. He and his whole family are very great people and we're thrilled to have them here," he added.

M.A.M.A. to hold concert in support of U.S. troops

**Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record**

Mexican American Music Association President Pete Salmeron has a simple message when it comes to Mexican American music and the United States troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan:

They all need our support.

With that in mind, the former Colorado City native announced the MAMA would hold a "United We Stand Concert" on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at The River Stage in San Angelo. A wide array of performers will participate in the "thank

you" concert for U.S. troops.

"This is something we wanted to do to show we support our young men and women," said Salmeron, who began his musical career playing in local venues. "This is our way to say thank you to them for all they do."

Several Mexican American musical stars have indicated they will participate in the event, including Grammy-winner Sunny Ozuna and national recording artists Alejandra and the Mexicanisimo Mariachi Show.

The MAMA held a similar show in July in Odessa, Salmeron said.

The concert is also slated to feature the artists such as Karisma, Marie Rebeka, Jackie L., Presly Mark, Xtremo, Those Guyz and Accomplish.

For more information about the concert contact Salmeron at (806) 205-0741. Tickets can be purchased at the Riverstage Pavilion box office.

Commissioners approve deal for free Internet connections

**Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record**

The Mitchell County Commissioners' Court will be getting a new Internet provider thanks to a deal the Mitchell County Commissioners' Court agreed to last week.

And it comes at the perfect price. Free.

County commissioners approved a proposal from an Abilene-based communications company at its regular meeting last week to use county communications' towers to install a new high-speed Internet service in Mitchell County. The company has indicated it would install all the required communications' devices at its own expense and provide the county offices free Internet service for three years.

Among the county buildings to receive the high-speed connec-

tions will be the Mitchell County Courthouse, the county tax offices, the Colorado City Civic Center and the law enforcement building.

In addition to approving the Internet deal, commissioners also re-appointed three people to the Mitchell County Library Board. Re-selected were Marian Bassham, former mayor Bob Riley and Carrie Cain.

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information. Basically, it is a way to try and create an atmosphere where ag producers can get together and meet in a way that will help everyone better their operation."

According to Senter, the tour will start with a coffee and doughnut session at the C.C. Thompson Room. At approximately 9 a.m., tour participants will depart on the tour.

Among the sites the group will visit is Morris Farms in Buford

to view a cotton variety trial. The tour is scheduled to return to Colorado City just before noon for a catered lunch.

Upon returning to Colorado City, several guest speakers will speak to tour participants, including Dr. Randy Boman and Dr. Mark Kelly, who will present a program on harvest aid decisions and products. Dr. Ed Bynum will also speak about the control of saltcedar trees as well as an update on the county's battle with

the saltcedar beetle.

Others presenting information will be Senter, Keith Hiser and Natural Resources and Conservation Services representative Steve Shrode.

For more information on the Mitchell County Farm Tour please contact Senter at (325) 728-3111.

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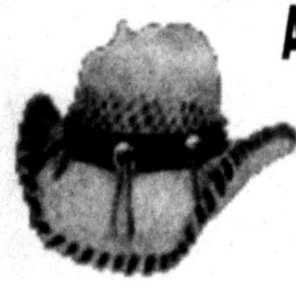
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LOCAL NEWS

Preparedness is key to your business surviving a disaster

By Mary P. McMullen,
CEA-FCS, Texas
Cooperative Extension

This past week, Sept. 10-16, was National Preparedness Week. During this time we paused and remembered the devastating results of 9-11 and the havoc wreaked by hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. Texas Cooperative Extension is pleased to join the United States Department of Homeland Security in the recognition of National Preparedness Week.

The following article will give you some pointers on preparing a disaster plan for your business and is adapted from an article found on the American Red Cross website. For complete disaster planning in all areas, you may access a wealth of information at www.redcross.org/services/disaster or on our National Extension Disaster Education Network at www.EDEN.tsu.edu/npe. Please feel free to contact Texas Cooperative Extension, Mitchell County at 728-3111 for any further information you may need.

Find out which natural and technological hazards can happen in your area. Get information about how to prepare your employees and clients to respond to possible hazards and provide help. Disaster safety information and CPR/first aid training are available from your local Red Cross chapter. Network with others who have or need to develop risk or contingency management plans. Attend seminars and get information from local risk management associations or chapters.

No business should risk operating without a disaster plan. While reports vary, as many as 40 percent of small businesses do not reopen after a major disaster like a flood, tornado or earthquake. These shuttered businesses were unprepared for a disaster; they had no plan or backup systems.

When you start to develop your disaster plan, consider three subjects: human resources, physical resources and business continuity. Think about how a disaster could affect your employees, customers and workplace. Think about how you could continue doing business if the area around your facility is closed or streets are impassable. Think about what you would need to serve your customers even if your facility is closed.

Here are some suggestions you may want to consider:

- Keep phone lists of your key employees and customers with you and provide copies to key staff members.
- If you have a voice mail system at your office, designate one remote number on which you can record messages for employees. Provide the number to all employees.
- Arrange for program-mable call forwarding for your main business lines. Then, if you can't get to the office, you can call in and reprogram the phones to ring elsewhere.
- Since you may not be able to get to your office quickly after an emergency, leave keys and alarm code(s) with a trusted employee or friend who is closer.
- Install emergency lights that turn on when the power goes out. They are inexpensive and widely available at building supply retailers.
- Back up computer data frequently throughout the business day. Keep a backup tape off site.
- Use UL-listed surge protectors and battery backup systems. They will add protection for sensitive equipment and help prevent a computer crash if the power goes out. They are inexpensive and widely available at building supply retailers.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio with a tone alert

feature. Keep it on and when the signal sounds, listen for information about severe weather and protective actions to take.

- Stock a minimum supply of the goods, materials and equipment you would need for business continuity.
- Consult with your insurance agent about precautions to take for disasters that may directly impact your business. Remember, most policies do not cover earthquake and flood damage. Protect valuable property and equipment with special riders.

ers. Discuss business continuity insurance with your agent.

- Keep emergency supplies handy, including flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kits, tools, and food and water for employees and customers to use during a period of unexpected confinement at your business.
- Prevent or reduce disaster damage in your facility by taking precautions, such as:
 - Bolting tall bookcases or display cases to wall studs.
 - Protecting breakable objects by securing them to a stand

or shelf using hook-and-loop fasteners.

- Moving to lower shelves large objects that could fall and break or injure someone.
- Installing latches to keep drawers and cabinets from flying open and dumping their contents.
- Using closed screw eyes and wire to securely attach framed pictures and mirrors to walls.
- Using plumber's tape or strap iron to wrap around a water

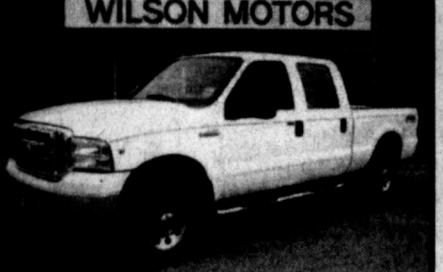
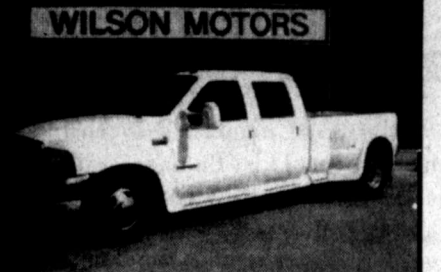
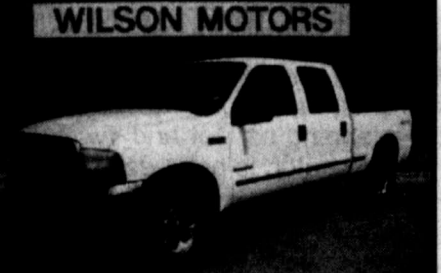
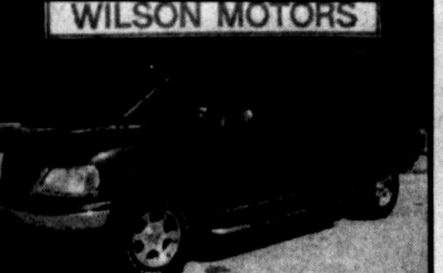
heater to secure it to wall studs. You should also consider having a professional install:

- Flexible connectors to appliances and equipment fueled by natural gas.
- Shutters that you can close to protect windows from damage caused by debris blown by a hurricane, tornado or severe storm.
- Automatic fire sprinklers.

Designate one employee from each work shift to be the safety coordinator. This person will make all decisions relating to employee and customer safety and to the safety of the business itself. Safety coordinators should know how to contact the owner or operator at all times.

Everyone in your facility should know how to prepare for a disaster and what to do if a disaster occurs. Contact your local Red Cross chapter for specific information about how to stay safe in a tornado, earthquake, fire flood, hurricane or other hazard.

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Perkins speaks at monthly Garden Club meeting

The Colorado City Garden Club met on Sept. 15, at Bama's. After a delicious meal, Second Vice President Wilma Reynolds introduced the speaker for the day, Mary Perkins.

Perkins is a master gardener and a member of the Keep Abilene Beautiful Organization. She gave an enlightening talk on Butterfly Gardens. She also gave club members a handout which included many facts about butterflies and their habitat. After her discussion, she had a drawing for door prizes. Members Laverne Chalker and Leola Anderson were the proud winners.

The business meeting was then called to order by Reynolds. The minutes were read by Secretary Janie Lou Greenlee. Treasurer Chalker gave the treasurer's report.

Faye Nell Herm, treasurer of the Beautification Committee, reported for that committee. Motions were made by members Raye Ann Carlock, Janie Henderson and Margaret Sparks on buying daffodil bulbs. Placement of the bulbs will be decided at a later date.

Greenlee gave a brief explanation of how to plant daffodil bulbs and information on the type of bulbs the club will be selling. Bulbs will be Grade A, Premium bulbs about 14 to 16 centimeters. All bulbs produce yellow blooms, and each bulb can produce up to 18 blooms.

For best results, plant bulbs in a group rather than in a straight line. It takes about two dozen bulbs for a two foot plot. Complete instructions for planting and care will be included with each order. The cost of the bulbs is \$5 per dozen, \$55 per 12 dozen or 1 case of about 250 bulbs for \$100. Look for order forms in the Record and in bags at various

businesses around town.

Bobby Johnson gave a report on the signs that she and her committee made. They have been put out around town, advertising the club's daffodil bulb sale. Johnson and Nell Gainey will be in charge of the booth downtown during the Junktique Jamboree on Oct. 6-8. Other members volunteered to help man the booth.

Chalker and Herm will be in charge of the table selling bulbs that will be set up at the Colorado City Reunion.

It was brought to the club's attention that Dandy's Diner has been paying the electricity for Friendly Park and has accepted no pay. As a way of thanks, it was decided that the club would put some kind of plants in planters in front of the restaurant and care for them. Chalker, Herm and Henderson will make up the committee to research and complete this project.

The hostesses for the meeting were Raye Anne Carlock, Leola Anderson and Marjorie Kolman. There were 16 members, one guest, Mary Perkins, and one new member, Lee Hutchins, present.

Hostesses for the next meeting are Dovie Brownfield, Erna Lou Burt and Marcelene Cox. The program will be Wildlife Abounds with Zoey Kirkpatrick on Oct. 13.

Scaife to speak at Mitchell Co. Reunion

The Mitchell County Reunion will be held in Colorado City Sept. 30, in the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd St.

Tickets will be \$8 per person and may be purchased at the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, 728-3403. Checks should be made out to the Mitchell County Reunion and reservations should be made by Sept. 22.

There will be registration and a reception from 10 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center with lunch to follow.

Speaker this year will be Elsie Ann Ramsdell Scaife, a former resident of Mitchell County now living in Minnesota and a member of the graduating class of 1944.

There will be a Cowboy Breakfast in Kiwanis Park, downtown Colorado City, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$4 for this event.

This reunion was first held in 1931 and all present and former residents of Mitchell County are welcome for this time of visitation and reminiscence.



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VALLEY FAIR LODGE had its annual ice cream party serving old-fashioned banana splits with traditional toppings. Judy Beasley (r) and Debbie Mitchell (l) provided a special musical program for the occasion. They surprised residents, attending as Dot and Twinkle. Marsha Rickard, lodge administrator, is pictured in the center.

JOY Class held monthly social Sept. 14

The J.O.Y. Sunday school class had their monthly social on Sept. 14, at Skeet's Texas Grill. Great fellowship and a very good meal were enjoyed by Betty Brumley, Katie Beaird, Clola Whitesides, Marlena Rice, Ruby Chambers, Irene Edwards, Marcil Moody, Nell Rollins, and guest, Georgia Lankford.

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Since this is a student-led event, parents and other interested adults are asked and encouraged to provide prayer support across the street from the school campuses.

Saw You at the Pole Wed., Sept. 27 @ 7 p.m.

Saw You at the Pole celebrates the morning's events. It will be held at 7 p.m. Wed., Sept. 27 at Calvary Baptist Church. Come and enjoy the music of 'A Road Less Traveled' from Lubbock, Texas, along with video footage, a special speaker an inspirational video and cool give-aways.

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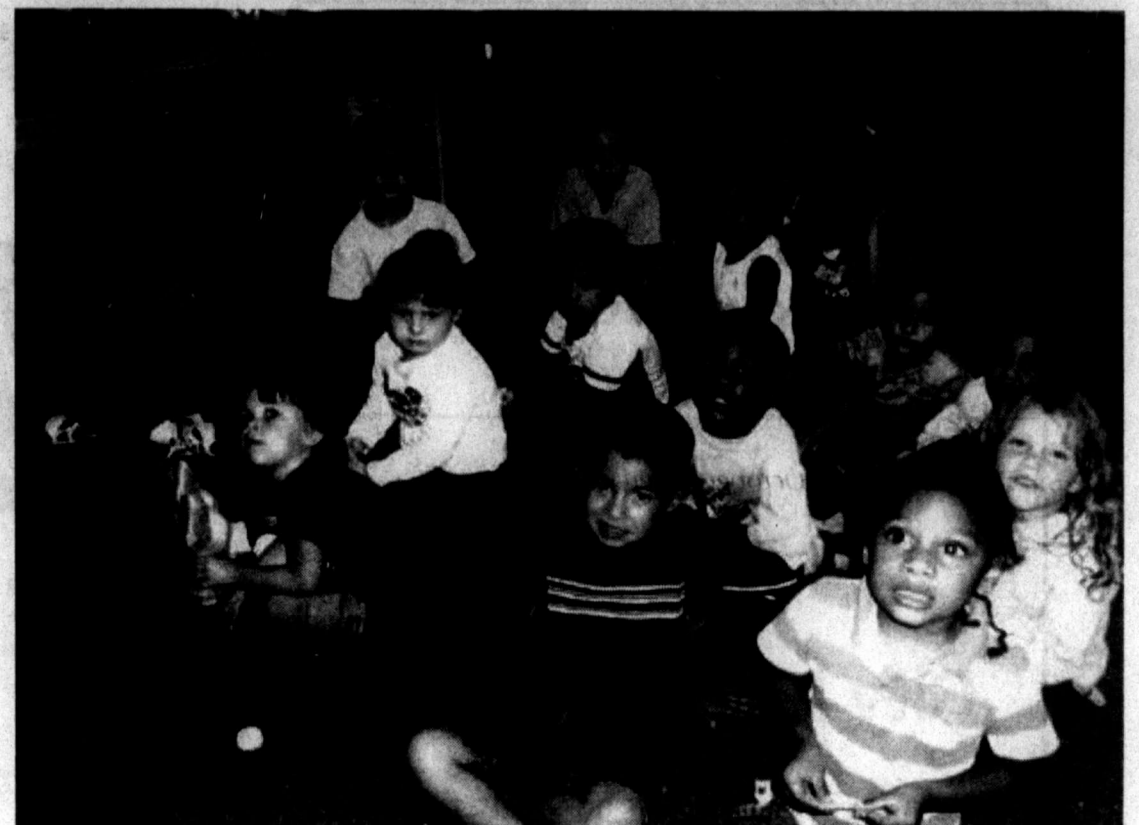
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SCHOOL NEWS



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FAMILY, CAREER & COMMUNITY Leaders of America (FCCLA) officers have been named for the 2006-07 school year. Students and their offices are: (l-r) Christa Valdivia, president; Tia Huff, vice president; Cheyenne Cearley, vice president of achievement; Sarah Smith, vice president of community service; Veronica Velasquez, secretary; and Tiffany Gutierrez, historian.



Record Photo/Stephanie Perez

KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Walker's Pre-K class is enjoying story time. Students in Mrs. Walker's class are: Ray Flores, Harlee Haag, Michael Huff, Janci Johnson, Dylan Rutherford, Rico Santana, Destiny Sheffield, Savannah Shiller, Josiah Silva, Brianna Towery, Sera Stephens, Taylor Wood, Courtney Wooddell, Nia Williams, Collin Lane and Zahntania Webb. Not pictured are Felicia Gutierrez, Drayson McGee, Nathan Morgan and Christian Sanchez.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - breakfast bites, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - pizza, sweet peas, peaches, milk.
Tuesday - grilled cheese sandwiches, glazed carrots, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, peas, milk.
Thursday - peanut butter and jelly sandwich, golden corn, mixed fruit, milk.
Friday - corn dog, potato wedges, fruit-ed jello, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Breakfast Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - powdered French toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - breakfast pocket, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Lunch Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green

beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - hot dog on a bun, pork n beans, pickle spears, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - turkey and gravy, potatoes, golden corn, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - chicken quesadillas, refried beans, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, apple cobbler, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Breakfast Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, egg & potato burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - taco salad, tasty rib basket, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic toast, golden corn, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - chef salad with ham, birdie on a bun, turkey and gravy, potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice

of milk.
Thursday - chef salad with bacon, burrito with cheese, soft tacos, refried beans, lettuce cup, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - sausage, gravy, biscuits, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - French toast sticks, syrup, assorted cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - pancake pups, syrup, cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - frosted toaster pastry, cereal, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu
Sept. 25-29
Monday - chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, sliced bread, applesauce, choice of milk.
Tuesday - fish strips, tartar sauce, ketchup, macaroni & cheese, sliced carrots, fruit cocktail, choice of milk.
Wednesday - burrito, chili, cheese, corn, Mexican salad, sliced peaches, choice of milk.
Thursday - barbeque on bun, baked tater tots, pickle spear, onion, cherry shape-ups, choice of milk.
Friday - beef stew with vegetables, carrot sticks with ranch, crackers, banana pudding, choice of milk.

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Thursday - honey buns, toast, juice, milk.
Friday - burritos, fruit, milk.

It is with mixed emotion that I announce my retirement from the practice of medicine.

Although I will no longer be seeing patients after Oct. 13th, I want you to know there are others available at the Rolling Plains Rural Health Clinic to meet your healthcare needs.

Drs. Clayton, Ferguson, Kassis, Lindsey, Martin, McEachern and Jeremy Smola are available for your care.

The records of all my patients will continue to be maintained by the Clinic. If you wish to transfer your records to another provider the Clinic will provide your records or a copy of your records to your designee.

Yours truly,
Jerry Smola, D.O.
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'See You at the Pole' set Wednesday, Sept. 27

Since 1990, teenagers from all over Texas, across the nation and around the globe have set aside the third Wednesday of September to observe See You at the Pole, the National Student Day of Prayer.

This prayer event is initiated, organized and led by students. The movement was birthed from the idea that every school had a flagpole and this year will be the 17th annual See You at the Pole event.

This first year of its existence, there were about 45,000 Texas students who participated and by 2005, over 3 million students reported participating in the event. Starting this year, the event has been changed to the fourth Wednesday of September. See You at the Pole will be observed

here locally on Wed., Sept. 27.

In Colorado City, students will begin to gather around the flagpoles at Colorado Middle School and Colorado High School at 7 a.m. See You at the Pole began with teenagers, but that hasn't stopped children from participating as well. Hutchinson Elementary School students will gather around their flagpole at 7:45 a.m.

Since this is a student-led event, parents and other interested adults are asked and encouraged to provide prayer support across the street from the school campuses. Adults will meet across the street from CMS in the parking lot of The Style Shack, across the street from CHS at 1224 E. 17th St and across the street from Hutchinson

on the west side of Cedar Street.

To celebrate the morning's events, all Mitchell County students in grade 7-12 are invited to the Saw You at the Pole Rally at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. This year's post-pole rally will feature live music from the up and coming band A Road Less Traveled, out of Lubbock.

There will also be county-wide See You at the Pole video footage, a special speaker, an inspirational video, cool give-aways and much more. Every 7th through 12th grader is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Lori at First Baptist Church, 728-3442 or Tiffany at Calvary Baptist Church, 728-2262.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Colorado ISD will hold
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SCHOOL NEWS

Five CMS students earn pretigious 'Duke' honors

In normal years, Colorado Middle School expects to have several students excel on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge Skills exam.

Having two or three finish among the top 95 percent of the students taking the exam is nothing unusual.

Last year, however, wasn't anything but a "normal" year.

In all five Colorado Middle School students were named to the prestigious Duke Talent Search Program for the work they did on the TAKS tests last year. Among the CMS seventh graders honored recently were Alyssa Bonner, Jessica Hampton, Taylor Harris, Daniel Rodriguez and Ja-

son Rodriguez.

"In the past we've had two to three do it, but this year we had five," said Colorado Middle School counselor Emily Strain. "All of their scores were very high."

By being named to the Duke Talent Search Program, the CMS students will have the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT college entrance exams as seventh graders - giving them a better idea of what to expect when they take the test for real after graduation.

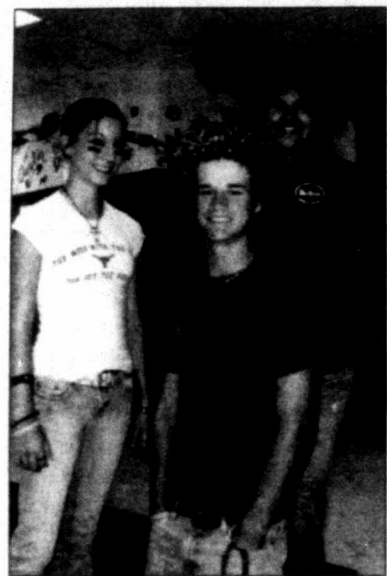
"It will give each of them the opportunity to preview the test they will have to take later," said

Strain.

In order to qualify as a Duke Talent Search Program participant, students had to score in the 95 percent or higher percentile in math or reading. In math, students had to have a minimum score of 2,700, while reading qualifiers had to score 2,647.

Jason Rodriguez, the son of Tommy and Julie Rodriguez, was the lone CMS student to qualify in both areas. Bonner met the Duke requirements in math, while Hampton, Harris and Daniel Rodriguez all qualified in reading.

The students will have the opportunity to take the test between now and Nov. 1.



Courtesy photo

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL students Crystal Wilson (left) Kolby Free (center) and Hopie Salinas show off their unique hairdos while participating in the school's Crazy Hair event last week.



Courtesy photo

DUKE TALENT SEARCH winners for CMS this year included (back row) Jessica Hampton, Alyssa Bonner (front) Jason Rodriguez, Taylor Harris and Daniel Rodriguez.

Students of the week named at Hutchinson

Students of the Week have been chosen at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Hayden Peaslee, Alison Wheeler and Emelia Franco.

Hayden, a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class, is the son of Casey and Amber Peaslee. He enjoys spending time with his dog, Sanford. P.E. and time spent working with his dyslexia are his two favorite things about Hutchinson Elementary.

Alison, daughter of Eddie and Penny Wheeler, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Weaver's class. She enjoys playing softball as a hobby, and P.E. is her favorite subject. Her favorite thing about her school is her teacher, Mrs. Weaver.

Emelia, a fifth grader in Mrs. Stovall's class, is the daughter of Richard and Teresa Franco. She enjoys spending time with her dog, and math is her favorite subject. When asked about her

favorite thing about Hutchinson, Emelia narrowed it down to

three: Her teacher, her principal and her friends.



STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Hayden Peaslee, Alison Wheeler and Emelia Franco.

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Sports Briefs

CMS gridders split games with Sonora

The Colorado Middle School seventh grade football team increased its season record to 2-0 with a 12-6 win over the Sonora Broncos last Thursday in Sonora.

Scoring for the Wolves were Derek Gainey, who powered his way into the end zone on a running play, and Jason Rodriguez, who caught a TD pass from Gainey.

"Their team was a lot bigger than us, but we overcame their size with our speed," said CMS assistant coach Clay White. "Our kids came out and played hard against a pretty good team. I was very proud of them."

In the eighth grade game, team size did matter as they fell 34-18.

J.C. Johnson took the opening kickoff all the way back for a touchdown to give the Wolves an early lead. The Broncos, however, worked their way into the lead.

Two more touchdowns would later be scored, but that would not be enough.

CMS squad to travel to Sonora Thurs.

The Colorado Middle School seventh grade team will be traveling to Sonora Thursday for a 4 p.m. kickoff.

This game will replace the game that had been scheduled with Stamford later in the season. Stamford had to scrap its 7th grade schedule due to lack of players. The school has combined its 7th grade players with its 8th grade team.

The CMS eighth grade team will be open this week.

Pee Wee grid season set to start soon

The 2006 Colorado City Pee Wee Football League will get under way within the next two weeks, according to league officials.

More than 50 area players registered to participate in the league this fall. Teams were drafted last weekend.

Big Spring cross country meet slated

The annual Big Spring Cross Country meet will be held this weekend.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. at the park across from Big Spring High School.

SECC golf tournament set for Oct. 13

The 4th annual State Employee's Charitable Campaign Golf Tournament has been scheduled for October 13th with registration to start at 7 a.m. at the Wolf Creek Golf Course in Colorado City.

There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and the fee will be \$35 per player (which includes green fee, cart, and a box lunch).

Prizes will be awarded to the first through fifth place teams with cash door prizes for the longest drive and closest to pin.

Beverages and lunch will be available for a small donation to non-players.

For more information on the tournament you may contact Captain Sullivan at 728-2162, extension 1238, or Captain Hubbard at 933-0444. You may also contact Sgt Alvarez at 242-1755.

Atkins to be enshrined in LHS 'Wall of Honor'

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

On Saturday, Oct. 28, former Loraine High School and Texas Tech standout Michi Atkins will celebrate her 33rd birthday.

What's so special about another birthday?

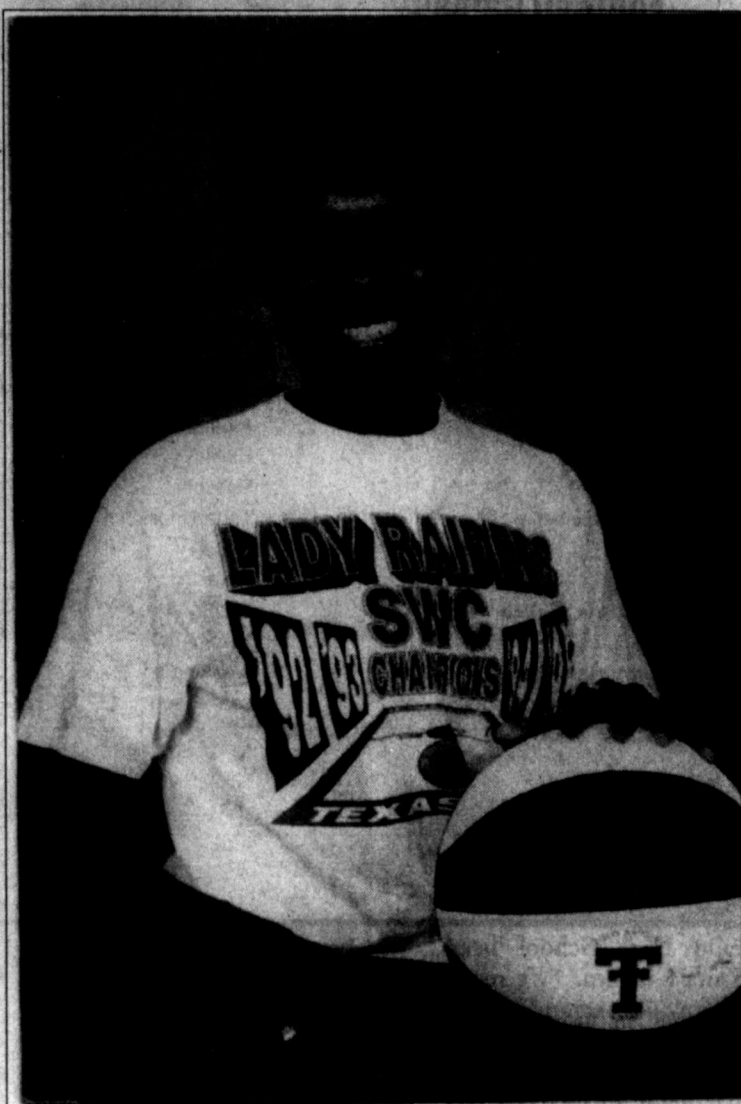
For Atkins, it will be very special as she will go into the Texas Tech University Hall of Fame and be honored at the half of the Red Raiders Big 12 showdown with the University of Texas.

Atkins had a brilliant four-year career at Tech, helping the Lady Red Raiders to the NCAA women's basketball national championship as well as four straight South-west Conference titles.

A four-year all-district basketball player, she caused college recruiters to break out their atlas her senior year at Loraine in 1992. She was pursued heavily by Howard College in Big Spring, Stephen F. Austin, and Pan American as well as eight out-of-state Division I and Division II schools before she decided to attend Tech.

"I chose Tech because the basketball team and advisors, as well as the head coach at the time (Marsha Sharp), were all so receptive to me," said Atkins. "But most of all, I chose it because of its outstanding academic program. I will never regret that decision, and I keep up with a lot of former members of those teams."

Her father, Joel Ray Atkins of Loraine, said though she



Courtesy photo

FORMER LORAIN STANDOUT Michi Atkins will become the third LHS alum enshrined in the school's "Wall of Honor" this Saturday at the half of the Bulldogs' homecoming game against rival Westbrook.

was a gifted athlete her grades in school were very important to her.

"We had an understanding in our house," said Joel. "Homework and chores came first. She had to wash the dishes, and make

sure all of her homework was done before anything else."

Atkins was not only an outstanding basketball player at Loraine, but also excelled in track. She ran the 100-

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'Dogs, 'Cats to renew their cross-county rivalry on Sat.

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Loraine Bulldogs will attempt to rebound from a 45-0 whipping by the Water Valley Wildcats when they host another breed of Wildcats -- cross-county rival Westbrook -- on Saturday night.

The game will be extra special

for Loraine as it will also serve as the backdrop for the school's annual homecoming activities.

Loraine was sailing high after a 2-0 season start but the Bulldogs found Water Valley to be a little too tough to digest.

Westbrook, on the other hand, has gotten off to a 0-3 start un-

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Westbrook, Loraine JV to play Thursday

The area's football activities will kick off Thursday afternoon when the Bulldog junior high and junior varsity programs square off at Wildcat Field in Westbrook.

The Westbrook-Loraine junior

high title is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. The two school's junior varsity teams will play immediately after.

The Westbrook teams are both 0-1 for the year.

Broncos push Colorado City to 0-3 for year

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Sonora Broncos used a balanced offensive attack and a smothering defensive effort to deal the Colorado High School Wolves a tough 28-0 setback last Friday night at Wolf Stadium.

The Broncos defense limited the Wolves to five first downs and a total of 52 yards of offense-- 33 of which came on 30 plays. Colorado City quarterback Kolby Free completed only four of 16 passes for a total of 19 yards.

Jose Gonzalez was the Wolves' leading rusher, gaining 30 yards. He was also the team's leading receiver with two catches for 21 yards.

The Wolves were their own worst enemy on offense. Colorado City fumbled the football three times, losing two.

Head coach Frank Johnson, though disappointed in the loss, looked at the positive things that came out of the game.

"Of course we were disappointed that we got beat," said Johnson. "I hate being 0-3, believe me, but I want to look at the good things we did."

Johnson said he felt the team made a huge improvement on spe-

cial teams despite having to make several changes in the lineup due to injuries.

"We made a tremendous improvement on our special teams," said Johnson. "I thought the defense stepped it up, and there was good effort by them all four quarters. The second quarter hurt us, but we are making progress and that is the important thing."

At the end of the first quarter, the Wolves and Broncos were tied up 0-0.

Sonora, however, reeled off three touchdowns in the second quarter and took a 21-0 lead into the half.

The Broncos' final touchdown in the first half came with only 21 seconds left.

The Broncos added a touchdown in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring.

"We have a bye this week which will give us some extra time to get ready for Haskell in the district opener," said Johnson. "Haskell has a good team. They are 2-0 coming into the game, but the way we are approaching the game is that we are all 0-0 going into district play. We have just as much a chance as anyone else in the district."

Water Valley rallied to sweep three from CHS girls

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

After being ahead in all three games, the Lady Wolves volleyball team fell to the Water Valley Lady Wildcats by a 3-0 count in action played last week.

Water Valley emerged victorious by posting wins of 24-26, 21-25 and 20-25.

"We were ahead in all three games, but let them back in and they took over from there," said

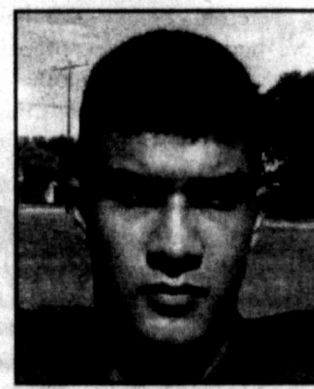
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Colorado City Wolves PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

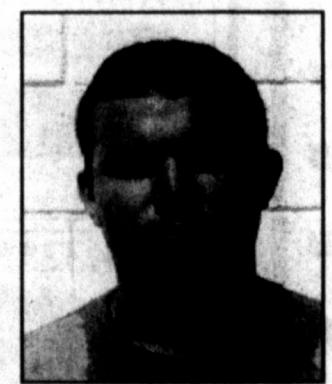
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SPORTS

Cross-country teams wins 5 medals in Slaton

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Middle School cross country team traveled to Slaton on Saturday morning for a meet and returned with five medal winners who placed in the top 15 spots.

Overall, 68 runners participated in the meet.

Placing eighth in the final standings was J.C. Johnson, while Jason Rodriguez finished one spot behind him, at ninth.

Johnson ran the 2-mile course in a time of 13 minutes and 59.85 seconds. Rodriguez ran the course in a time of 14:06.95.

Others that medaled were Nick Reyna who placed 11th with a time of 14:12.24; Miguel Hernandez, who was clocked in at 14:13.60, and Ronald Aoyama who ran the course in 14:23.13.

Others that did well included Derek Gainey who finished 23rd,

Chris Madrid who finished 24th and Joel Gaona who finished 25th.

Though no varsity girls medaled, Briana Ortiz finished in 33rd place.

CHS runner Valerie Martinez placed 46th, while teammates Crystal Wilson and Amy Armenta finished No. 77 and 82, respectively.

No varsity boys medaled either, but Jessie Guerra finished the course in 34th place. Gabriel Yanez was 35th, while Ricky Davila was 37th and Manuel Garza was 40. Richard Luera placed 49th.

"Our CMS boys really did well," said coach Mary Lou Costabile. "We brought back five medals and finished second in the total team points. I was proud of all the runners and felt they all did well."

Sands pins 40-0 loss on 'Cats JV

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Sands Mustangs scored 20 points in the second quarter last Thursday afternoon and rolled to a tough 40-0 victory over the Westbrook Wildcats in a junior varsity matchup at Wildcats Field.

Overall, Sands accumulated 304 total yards on offense, while the Mustang defense limited Westbrook to just 84.

Sands, which scored on their first five series, struck quickly in the first quarter, building a 14-0 lead on two TD runs by Sammy Villa.

Villa finished the contest as the game's top rusher, gaining 97 yards on 13 carries.

The Mustangs blew the game wide open in the second. They scored three touchdowns in the frame and took a 34-0 lead into the half.

Sands tacked on an additional TD in the third.

Westbrook proved to be its own worst enemy in their first outing of the 2006 season. The Wildcats fumbled six times in the contest -- five of which Sands recovered.

Offensively, Mikey Conley paced the WHS offense. The Westbrook running back gained 46 yards on 9 attempts. Freshman Julio Diaz rolled up 24 yards on 12 tries.

Westbrook quarterback Kelby Bradbury completed two passes for 11 yards.

JV Wolves fall to Sonora, 32-0

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Wolves' junior varsity football team lost to Sonora last Thursday night by a score of 32-0 in action played in Sonora.

"We just didn't come to play," said coach Danny Keeton. "I thought last week we had made some progress from the first game, but we took a step backward. We didn't wrap people up on tackles,

we didn't block well, and overall, we just didn't play well."

"We have to get past this. We were doing better back in two-a-days," he added.

The Wolves had only one good drive which was squelched by a turnover.

"We have two weeks now to get prepared for Haskell," said Keeton. "We have to get back to basic fundamentals of the game if we are going to win a game."

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LAST WEEK:	38-22, .633	34-26, .566	37-23, .616	36-24, .600
OVERALL:				

SPIKERS

Colorado High School head coach Anita Graham. "We made way too many passing and hitting errors. We beat ourselves. They are a good team and you can't make that many mistakes if you want to win very badly."

District 7-2A play will begin

Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Bangs.

"I don't know a whole lot about them or Grape Creek (the other team in the district)," said Graham. "For us to win, we have to start making better passes so we can be attacking every ball. Our serving is starting to get bet-

ter. We are hitting and serving harder. Letesha McDuffie and Sequise Jones are starting to feel comfortable in the front middle and we are expecting a lot of hits from them. Michelle Arispe and Jessica Hernandez have picked up on their hitting and that will help

us on our outside hitting. Valerie Martinez has been moved up to the varsity to help us on our back row passing so that should help."

Making things difficult for the Lady Wolves is the fact that the first two games in district play will be on the road.

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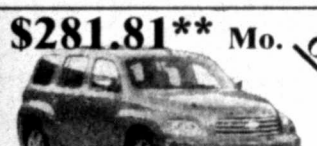
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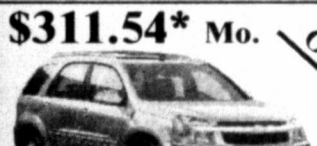
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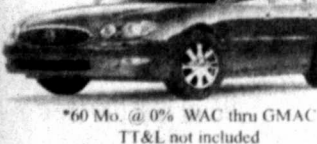
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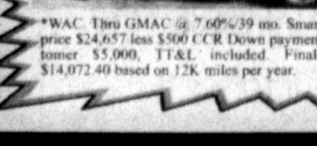
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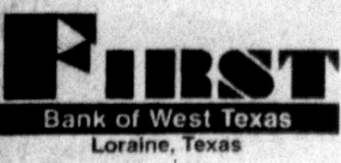
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SPORTS

WV hands 'Dogs 1st loss

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Loraine High School Bulldogs ran into a bunch of Wildcats last Friday night in Water Valley and came home with their first loss of the season after absorbing a by a 45-0 setback.

Water Valley did not take long to get on the scoreboard. The Wildcats scored on a two-yard run less than a minute and a half into the contest.

They didn't stop from there. Water Valley tacked on three more scores in the first 10 minutes of play and took a 29-0 advantage into the second quarter.

Water Valley added 16 more points in the second.

Loraine was held to less than 100 yards of total offense.

Junior Derek Martinez was the Bulldogs' leading rusher, netting 33 yards on 10 carries. Stefan Limones added 23 yards on six carries, while senior Zach Gibson rushed for 10 yards on three carries.

Sophomore quarterback Jacob Sanchez was only 1-for-5 passing. His only reception was a 6-yard strike to Gibson.

Senior Miguel Acevedo and Sanchez led the team in tackles with seven each. Acevedo also had a fumble recovery.



Courtesy photo

WESTBROOK JUNIOR HIGH quarterback J.T. Mize runs toward a Sands ball carrier during the Wildcats' season-opener last week.

Westbrook JH suffers 39-7 setback to Sands

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Despite a solid effort from J.T. Mize and Michael Bray, the Westbrook Junior High School Wildcats suffered a tough 39-7 setback to Sands in their season-opener last Thursday.

Sands, which rolled up 286 total yards in the game, dominated the first two quarters of play. The Mustang offense held the ball all but 13 plays in the first two periods and built a 21-0 advantage.

The Wildcats posted their first touchdown of the season with 1:45 left in the contest on a 4-yard run by Mize.

Bray led all WJHS tacklers with eight stops. Believe me, the folks that know me also know that I would do nothing to harm an athlete -- or their team -- with words I have written in a write-up.

Ring in a new name for the same ol' sports game

As you can see we are starting a new column called Carl's Corner. For the past several years, we have ran the column as Speaking of Sports, a name I got from the late Howard Cosell who would always begin his speeches with "This is Howard Cosell, and I'm speaking of sports".

I think it's time for a change, so I hope everyone will like the new name.

Last week, we made comments in our column on the CMS seventh and eighth grade football games that some folks did not appreciate. Though J.C. Johnson is a very gifted athlete, he certainly couldn't do all he does without the help of those linemen in the trenches opening up holes with their blocks. As my coach used to say many years ago, there is no "I" in the word "TEAM." I sure do not want anyone turning on Colorado High School coach Frank Johnson or coach Dan Gainey because of their sons' accomplishments on the field.

With that said, you will see a different way I will go about reporting these games with my priority being team efforts rather than the individual.

CARL'S CORNER...
CARL GRAHAM
SPORTS EDITOR



I am proud of each kid who comes out for athletics, and these kids deserve to be mentioned in the newspaper when they have made outstanding accomplishments.

I am looking forward to this Friday when former Loraine High student Michi Atkins will be honored at the half of the Bulldogs' homecoming game against Westbrook.

Westbrook. She joins the Loraine Wall of Honor.

The award will be presented by Joan Long, the mother of last year's honoree, the late Jeff Merket.

All three Mitchell County football teams bit the dust last Friday as the Wolves were defeated 28-0 by Sonora, while Loraine went down 45-0 to Water Valley and the Westbrook Wildcats were defeated 52-6 by Sands.

This week the Wolves have a bye week while Loraine will host Westbrook for its homecoming tilt.

The Loraine junior high and junior varsity teams will begin the series Thursday with games. Those games will start at 5:30 p.m. in Westbrook.

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Mustangs runs past Westbrook, 52-6

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Despite having to scramble early in the week to find football equipment after the school lost most of its gear in a fire, the Sands Mustangs had plenty of horsepower Friday.

The Mustangs didn't let the fire that destroyed its field house and equipment last Monday hamper them as they pounded out a 52-6 win over the visiting Westbrook Wildcats.

"We just weren't ready to play," said Westbrook head coach Jim Hill. "We have to start getting physical if we are going to win anytime this season. It's the same thing week after week. We try to arm tackle and that just won't get it done."

The only Wildcat score came when Josh Solko scored on a 40-yard run.

The game was ended due to the 45-point mercy rule late in the third.

The Wildcats will be trying to rebound from a 0-3 start when they face cross-country rival Loraine this Saturday at Loraine's homecoming game.

"I told these kids that if they

couldn't get up for this game they couldn't get up for anyone," said Hill. "This has been a long-standing rivalry between Loraine and us. It will come down to who wants the game more."

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SPORTS

RIVALRY

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der coach Jim Hill, who replaced Andrew Hannon as the head coach when Hannon accepted the head coach/athletic director job at Spur.

Hill is fielding a much younger team than the school has had in past several years. Quarterback Justin Cantu is the only returning starter from last season when the Wildcats went 8-2.

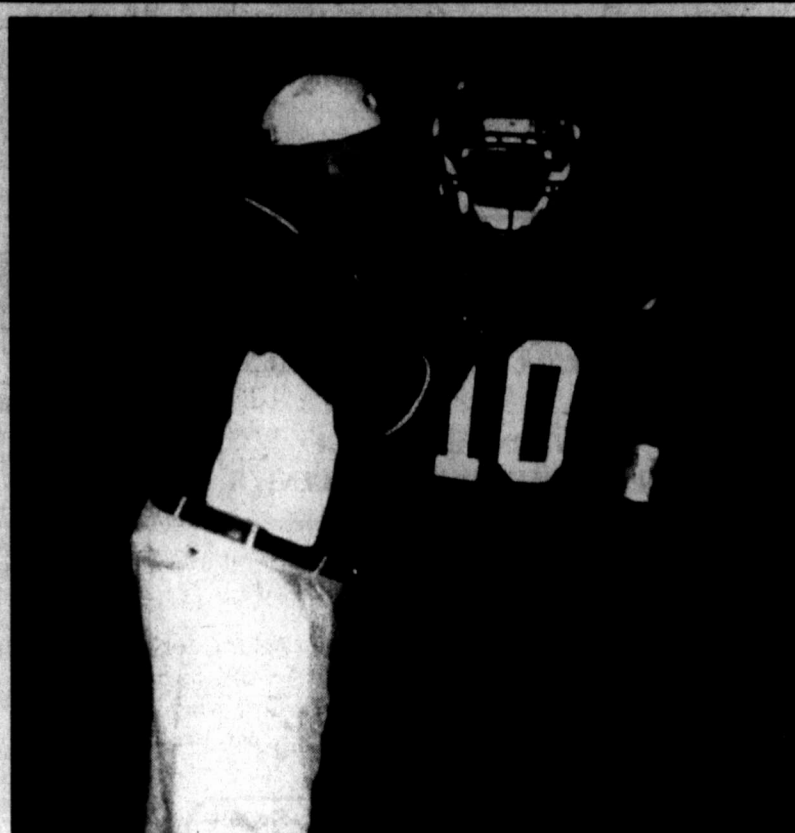
Both teams are getting bigger this week - number wise.

Colton Nobles is expected to return this week for Westbrook, as is Tate Burleson. Those two should help the Wildcats return to as normal as the young team can get.

The Bulldogs, after getting off to a 2-0 start, have had several new members come out for football, including senior Dante Smith, a 240-pound lineman.

In the first two Loraine games, junior running backs Derek Martinez and Stefan Limones have been the workhorses, with senior Zach Gibson also getting his share of the workload. Miguel Acevedo is leading the team in tackles along with Martinez and Jimmy Grissam. Defensive end Bivian Hermosillo, a transfer student from Marfa, has learned the game very quickly and has provided the Bulldogs with exceptional kicking skills.

"This is always a game that you



File photo

WESTBROOK HEAD COACH Jim Hill (left) and the Westbrook Wildcats will travel to Loraine this Saturday to face the Loraine Bulldogs. The game will serve as Loraine's homecoming.

don't need a lot of hoopla to get ready to play," said Bulldogs' head coach Jeffrey Stockton. "These two teams have a long standing rivalry, and that, along with this week being homecoming, should

be enough motivation for us to be ready to play Saturday. You can bet Westbrook will be."

The kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Johnson Field.

ATKINS

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and 200-meter dashes, and was a member of the 400-meter relay team. She also competed in the shot put, the discus, and the 300-meter relay. Atkins qualified for the Six-Man Regional meet in both her junior and senior years, as well as qualifying for state in the shot put, 400-meter relay, and the 300-meter relay.

In basketball, Atkins led the Lady Bulldogs team in points per game, rebounds, free throws and field goals. She averaged 26 points per game, 20 rebounds per game, and made 81 percent of her free throws as well as making 56 percent of her field goal shots.

She was named first-team all-state 1989-90; Six-Man All-State 1991-92; Third Team All-State TABC 1989-90; First Team All-State by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal 1989-90; Class 1-A All-South Plains Team 1989-90; First Team All-Region 1989-90 and 1990-91; First Team All-Area 1989-90, 1990-91, and 1991-92; Honorable Mention All-Area 1988-89; All-District 1989-90, 1991-92 and First Team All-District 1988-89, 1989-90, and 1990-91.

As if her athletic skills were not enough, Atkins was also voted most athletic, class favorite, class secretary, student council secretary, student council vice-president, homecoming queen, outstanding female athlete, outstanding homemaking student and outstanding algebra student. She was also a member of the

drama club, a cheerleader, and a member of the FHA and FFA.

On Saturday, Atkins will be honored at the half-time of the Loraine-Westbrook football

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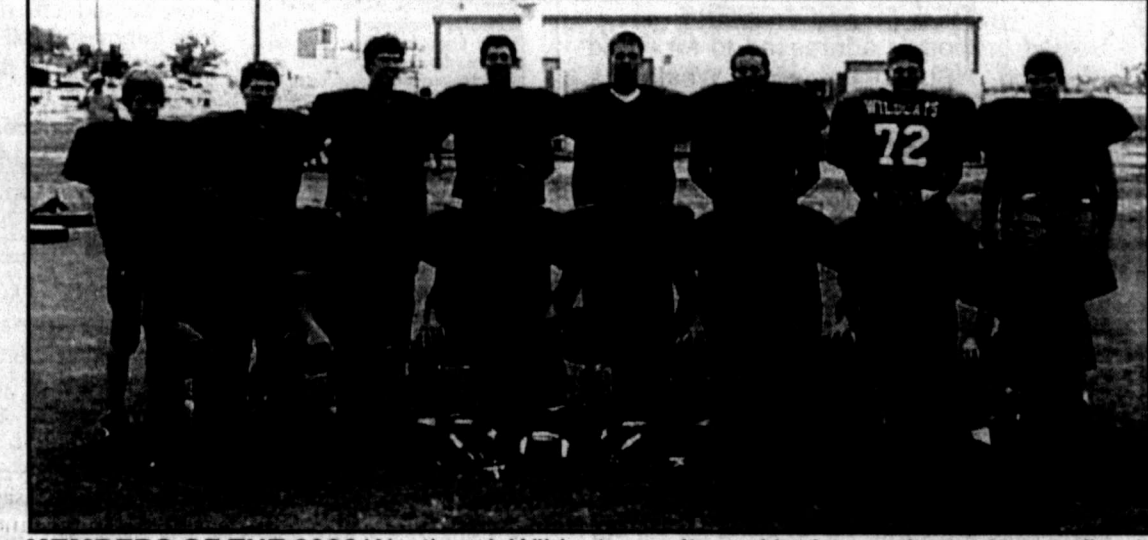
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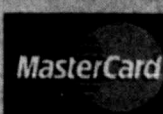
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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Todd Burleson, Superintendent, Westbrook Independent School District, Westbrook, Texas, hereinafter called "Owner" for the construction of School Reroofing, for Westbrook Independent School District, in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents which were prepared by and may be obtained from BGR Architects, will be received in the Office of the Superintendent, until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 10, 2006, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the Owner and shall be identified with the Project name, the Proposer's name and address. Proposals will be received for Roof Removal and Replacement. A mandatory attendance pre-proposal conference will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the school. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities. Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge in the offices of the Architect, and may be obtained from BGR Architects, 2118 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411, upon a deposit of \$50.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the Plans and Specifications. The full amount of this deposit will be returned to each bidder immediately upon return of the Drawings and Specifications in good condition. No refund on contract documents and plans returned later than ten days after the award of the contract will be obligatory.

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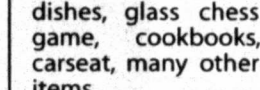
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Diet supplements may not be all they are cracked up to be

From the minute those leftover Halloween candies hit the shelves, it's a non-stop onslaught of sweets, treats, desserts and indulgences. So a lot of consumers decide to call in reinforcements, and head for the supplement section of their drug or discount store to find them.

If you're going to use dietary supplements as a component of your weight-control effort, you need to know what you're up against. There are always new products appearing in the supplement market, so let's have a quick overview.

Thermogenic Agents. Thermogenic agents are so-called fat-burning drugs that increase energy expenditure. In the United States, there are no approved thermogenic medications for obesity, but that doesn't keep manufacturers of unregulated supplements from throwing the term around.

Hence, many of my patients come in asking about "natural" thermogenic enhancers. They see advertisements for supplements that offer increased fat-burning, with enticing names that evoke healthy images: metabo- this and thermo- that.

But you don't want to be fooled by these fancy names and marketing ploys. These products are often wolves in sheep's clothing.

While the really dangerous products containing ephedrine - from the plants known as ma huang or ephedra were banned from the U.S. last year, many of the remaining products are simply sources of related compounds, such as synephrine. The fact that they're ephedra-free is often proudly emblazoned across the label.

This is not unlike a food manufacturer claiming a food product is sugar-free, because it's been sweetened with corn syrup instead of cane sugar. Consumers have to see through the smoke screens.

Like ephedrine, synephrine increases release of norepinephrine in the brain, which could decrease appetite. When mixed with caffeine, the combination can produce a slightly increased thermogenic effect, but it also increases heart rate and blood pressure, which led to so many of the tragic deaths and health crises caused by ephedra-based products.

Watch for products containing extracts of bitter orange or country mallow, which is also known as heartleaf, both related to the banned ephedra.

And remember that these "natural" products can interact with your prescription medications or other supplements in some surprising, even dangerous, ways. Always check with your doctor or pharmacist for interactions.

Digestion inhibitors. Some people are using supplements of psyllium and other fibers like barley and guar gum for weight loss. Like some pharmaceuticals, they can prevent fats from being absorbed.

But instead of inhibiting enzymatic breakdown of fats as drugs like Orlistat do, these fibers prevent absorption by binding to fats in the gut. This lets some portion of fats pass right through the body as harmless passengers on the fiber.

That's why increasing fiber intake decreases blood lipid levels. But there is a little evidence that these fibers alone actually help decrease weight in heavy patients. Guar gum has been studied in the most, but on its own, it does not seem to be working for weight loss.

The best weight-loss or weight-control effect to be drawn from fiber comes from simply consuming more of your daily calories from dietary fiber sources.

If you're looking for that fat-blocking function, try eating almonds in moderation. They're high in fiber and good monounsaturated fatty acids, and while almonds are no miracle munchie, recent research shows that the cellular walls in almonds also have a lipase-blocking property, preventing some absorption of fats in the gut.

Other enticing promises. Some patients also ask me about trying dietary supplements that affect serotonin levels in the brain, in particular, St. John's wort and 5-HTP. With respect to the appetite suppressant effects of supplements that act on the serotonin function, St. John's wort has a long and solid history as an herbal anti-depressant.

It's true that St. John's wort can inhibit serotonin reuptake, and because of this, it is prescribed as an anti-depressant in some European countries. But there is no reliable evidence it helps reduce weight in obese patients, and it doesn't consistently produce weight loss in patients who take it for depression.

A huge number of other supplements are being tried for obesity. One of the hottest is conjugated linoleic acid (CLA). CLA refers to isomers of the fatty acid linoleic acid, which is primarily found in dairy products and beef. Researchers theorize that CLA might shrink adipose tissue by inducing apoptosis (programmed cell death) of fat cells.

There's preliminary evidence that three to four grams of CLA per day might reduce the proportional level of body fat mass, but not actual weight or body mass index. These findings are interesting, and I think it's too soon to put much store in them since these supplements are pretty expensive for this minor effect.

Chromium is being used to address obesity-related conditions like hyperlipidemia, diabetes, and obesity. The theory is that American diets are deficient in chromium, which can lead to diabetes, overweight and other metabolic abnormalities. There is some evidence that chromium can help reduce lipid and glucose levels in people with diabetes. But chromium doesn't seem to help for actual weight loss.

Garcinia cambogia fruit and rind extracts contain up to 50 percent hydroxytric acid, which manufacturers claim inhibits the body's production of lipids. This ingredient appears in tons of supplements promoted for weight loss. But a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association shows that it has no significant effect on weight. Don't bother.

Through Thick & Thin. When it comes to supplements, consumers need to carefully sort through the marketing blitz. A few supplements show some promise, but there's not enough evidence to recommend them. Especially try to avoid potentially dangerous products that contain country mallow, or bitter orange that provide ephedrine-like drugs.

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Sanity Saver#1: Remember What's Important. Define your priorities and adjust your schedule to reflect your values. No matter how frantic life gets, the truly successful people are able to rise above the pandemonium and maintain their perspective. They can do this because they know what's important.

Make conscious choices about how you invest your time and energy. The solution to creating greater balance in your life is selectivity—it's about choosing. It's not about getting more done, but being more selective about what you do.

What You Can Do:
Ask yourself: What do I value? What's most important to me? What do I really want? What do I need to change in order to have my values expressed more visibly in my everyday life? Is there anything I need to add to my life? Are there activities or commitments I need to eliminate?

Sanity Saver#2: Put Yourself At The Top of Your "To Do" List. The truth is, you have to come first, at least some of the time. It's only to the extent that you love and care for yourself that you're truly able to love and care for others. If you're running on empty, you're not doing anyone any good, least of all yourself.

Taking care of yourself isn't a reward for completing your "to do list." It's a function of the fact that you're a human being and deserve nurturing every single day. Caring for yourself is your birthright, have the courage to claim it.

What You Can Do:
Take a mini-vacation. We all need a break from our busy lives. There is very little in life that requires your immediate attention. Start small. Do what feels manageable: a lunch date with a friend, a massage, an afternoon at the movies, a walk in the woods, or making a date to play racquetball. The possibilities are endless.

Sanity Saver#3: Set Limits so That You Can Better Balance the Competing Demands in Your Everyday Life. You may take on more than you can comfortably deliver in your desire to get ahead, impress people and live up to other people's expectations. Meanwhile, your top priorities may go unattended. You have to learn to say no to the things that don't matter so that you can invest yourself more fully in those things that do. Saying no is a way of caring for and honoring yourself.

What You Can Do:
Most people pressure themselves to give an immediate response when asked a question. But, very few things require an immediate answer. Why not say, "let me get back to you," and take the time you need to decide.

If this is really right for you or if you're being seduced by the "I can do it all syndrome." Remember, you have every right to say no to something you don't want to do.

Sanity Saver#4: Build Stronger Relationships. Many of people measure themselves by the quantity of their achievements rather than by the quality of their relationships. When you approach the end of your life, what will be your most cherished memories? Will it be how successful you were on the job? How much money you had in the bank? Most likely not.

What you will want is to remember, and be remembered for, how much love you shared in your life.

What You Can Do:
Instead of being busy, busy, busy, block out some prime time which is strictly devoted to relationships. If you're married, or in a significant relationship, make a date night once a week. For example, set aside at least one night a week, or more if you can, to eat together as a couple instead of as a family.

Sanity Saver#5: Ask, Ask, Ask. If you're like most people, you may be holding yourself back by not asking for information, assistance, support, and the time you need to fulfill your dreams and goals. While there's no guarantee that other people will cooperate with your requests, at least you've put your wish and desire out there to be considered.

Ask for what you want and need. You'll be amazed at how often you get a positive response.

What You Can Do:
Ask your spouse to take the kids to the park so you can have some time to yourself. Ask for a day off from work. Ask your children to clean up their toys or their rooms. But whatever you do, ask, ask, ask.

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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Loraine Correspondent

The ladies' monthly salad supper held at the Loraine Methodist Church Fellowship Hall took place Monday evening, Sept. 11. Trish Hagood gave the devotion-

al for the evening and 27 ladies attended.

Good fellowship, food and fun were had by all.

We have concerns for Richard Cooper at this time. He is in a

hospital waiting to have surgery. We send him get well wishes and hope his health improves soon.

Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams along with Joan Long attended the Wallace Center ice cream social and fund raiser Saturday evening.

The McAdams, Charles Dunn and Bro. Dale Hartley provided toe tapping music and very nice singing.

A lot of excitement is stirring about the Loraine homecoming this weekend. It will be great to see old classmates and friends.

Starting on Friday, the golf tournament will take place. At 6 p.m., a parade will start up at the tennis courts, circle around to Main Street until it reaches the area west of City Hall, down near the signal light. There will also be a bonfire Friday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday morning Loraine exes and friends will start assembling at the Loraine school. There will be a catered lunch and programs a few hours later. Saturday evening the Bulldogs will play Westbrook. Good luck Bulldogs, we will be cheering you on.

Last week I listed the names of 1956 graduates and on the school board then were Travis Hallmark, Dr. Joe Terry, Varnell Templeton, Tommy Mathis, Ira Beights and Bruce Byrne.

The school superintendent was Donald E. Robbins and the principal was Vance Dickinson.

Jan and Hank Millering have wonderful things to say about the new minister of New Life Bible Ministries. He is J.K. Wood. He and his family are fairly new residents.

He is also the English teacher at Loraine.

Charlene Walker enjoyed the visit of her daughter, Teresa Hughes of Dalhart, over the weekend. Charlene says they nev-

er have all the time they want to visit because her daughter stays busy. When they do manage a time together it is wonderful, and they catch up on family news and things they are interested in.

Etta G. Williams recently went to Fort Worth to help celebrate her granddaughter's birthday. While there she visited family members and friends before returning home last week.

Recent visitors in the home of Grady and Elnora Mitchell have been David and Pat of Van, Texas; a sister-in-law, Genette Mitchell and Doris Mitchell of Abilene; niece, Peggy Forbes of Colorado City; Loyd Mitchell, Roy Gene Mitchell and son, Douglass of Comanche; Shirley Davis of Odessa, James Cannon of Glade-water; Judy Macha of Lockney; and brother, Orville Brantley, who now lives in Lockney.

We send our concerns and prayers to the Mitchell family. Bro. Dale Hartley also visited with Grady and Elnora Mitchell last Saturday.

On Saturday, the 10th of September, Debby Carlock gave her dad, Bobby Graham, a birthday party. His birthday was on the 11th of September. All the family helped him celebrate his 81st

birthday.

Attending were all of his children, some of his grandchildren and some of his friends.

Last Saturday at noon, Wanza Graham hosted a covered dish luncheon and a card game party. The party was held at the lake home of her daughter, Glenda Hemphill.

Attending were Doris Henderson, Christene Britton, Yvonne Sadler, Inez Stewart, Almaz Webb, Brenda Linam, Debby Carlock, Bertie Colson of Sweetwater, Lynette Harmon and sons, Hunter and Tanner.

They had a great time.

My traveling sister-in-law, Dot-tie Vaughn, called me Sunday. She had been to so many places in a three-week period that I've forgotten half of her jaunts. There was Denver, Colorado, again; Missouri; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Sedonia, Arizona; Bossier, Louisiana; Tyler, Texas; Oil City, Louisiana; and Conroe, Texas.

Finally, she asked me how I was doing and where had I been lately. I told her I was fine and just returned from Camp Springs.

Wow! She got excited about Camp Springs and told me she had three days in early October and wanted to visit the spring but didn't want to camp out. I almost

laughed but told her someone was at the door and I would call her in a few days.

Let her dream about Camp Springs for a while!

Lorena Turnbow and Tommy provided the entertainment Monday prior to the noon meal.

The McAdams plus Charles Dunn entertained seniors with a little music on Wednesday.

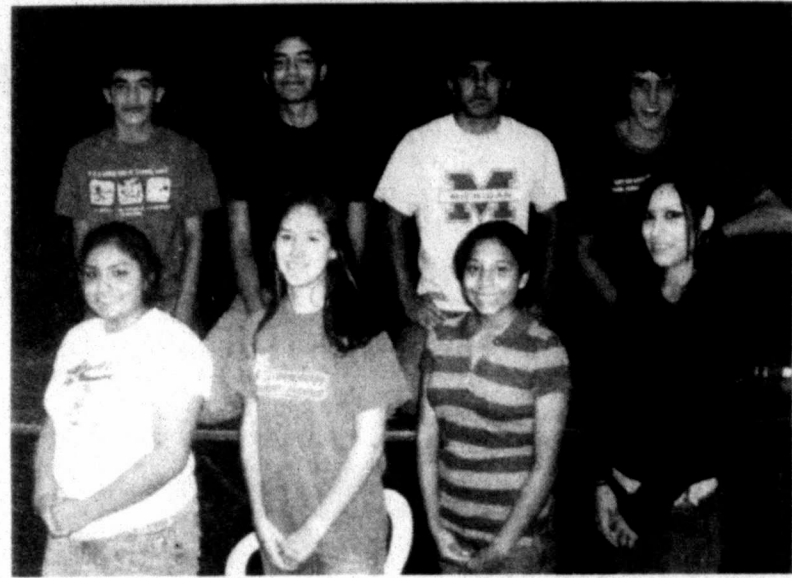
Visitation was what the seniors did last Friday before they had a great meal of green enchiladas.

Visitors at the center last week included Brenda Edwards from Alamogordo, New Mexico who visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Phillips. Clyde Parnell from Grand Prairie also attended, having lunch with his dad, Virgil Parnell.

Bertie Colson and Mary Nash from Sweetwater met with Pat Shackelford at the center for lunch. Tommy and Ann Palmer and Gina and Joe Coldeway of Midland also visited the center.

Seniors enjoyed the birthday meal for the month of September. It was chicken and dressing and all the trimmings.

Come down and visit with us and have a cup of coffee and most likely, some laughter.



CANDIDATES FOR MR. & Mrs. Sparks at Loraine High School are: (back row, l-r) Anthony Gonzales, Abraham Aguirre, Stefan Limones and Nathan Oliver; (front row) Alex Lambaren, Felicia Gibson, Jennifer Cantu and Nancy Talamantes.



HOMECOMING QUEEN AND King candidates at Loraine High School for this school year are: (back row, l-r) Javier Acevedo, Ector Lopez, Sean Vasquez and Alejandro Lopez; (front row) Megan Oliver, Shelby Austin, Lindsey Martin and Annette Davila.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LORAIN TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City of Loraine is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application requested is up to \$250,000.00 for water system improvements in the City of Loraine. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

GO BULLDOGS



MEMBERS OF THE 2006 LORAIN BULLDOG FOOTBALL TEAM are: Top row: (l to r) Jacob Sanchez, Sean Vasquez, Miguel Acevedo, Bivian Hermosillo, Jimmy Grissam, and Alejandro Lopez. Middle row: (l to r) Zach Gibson, Derek Martinez, Kenny Esquivel, Stefan Limones, Robert Cantu, Anthony Gonzales, and Mario Lopez. Bottom row: (l to r) Carlton Johnston and Chris Brown.

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Sat., Sept. 23
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