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AMARILLO — The Fourth Annual Golden Spread Bridal Faire is coming to Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 10. Proceeds will benefit High Plains Food Bank. The wedding show features vendors offering everything from flowers to wedding cakes, bridal gowns to limousines. All brides can register for a Grand Prize Dallas Metroplex Giveaway with a cash value of \$500 courtesy of Clean Channel Radio. Participants must be present to win. For more information, contact producer, Ron Langley, at (806) 353-7588 or 1-888-294-5466.

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County pares 2004 budget

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet again Friday Aug. 8 for more 2003-2004 budget discussions, after paring \$38,000 from the proposed budget on Aug. 1.

County Judge Richard Peet said today that he expects to present commissioners with more specific information concerning what level they will need to set the effective tax rate in order to maintain current county services.

The commissioners cut some \$38,000 from the county budget Friday during their regular meeting.

"We're trying to bring the budget in line," Peet said.

The judge said the county is trying to provide for its present infrastructure and still

be fair to taxpayers.

He said that no new raises are planned for county employees at this time, noting it's been two years since county employees have received a raise. Two years ago, he said, each county employee got a \$50 a month raise.

Peet said that has since been eaten up by inflation.

Health costs have also gone up, he said.

Peet said the county still has to maintain judicial and law enforcement services, as well as various other services for the public.

Tax appraisals are down this year, he said, because of oil and gas production declines.

"Almost every county in the Eastern Panhandle has had appraisal declines this year," he said.

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Beating the heat



(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

Reece Field, Delma Field and Ruth Canada, all of Pampa, came prepared for the sun and near 100-degree temperatures with these colorful umbrellas while watching the annual sheepdog trials held this weekend at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

Third time may be redistricting charm

By NATALIE GOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The current special legislative session is dead but lawmakers could see a congressional redistricting map approved if Gov. Rick Perry calls another special session, the leader of a walkout by 11 Democratic senators says.

For a map to gain approval, however, several conditions would have to be met, said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

If the Senate and House members decide to stay in Austin, if Republicans in both chambers can reach a consensus on a map, and if Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decides to do away with a Senate tradition to make it easier to pass a redistricting bill "then I would

imagine if all those things happen, we could see a map," Van de Putte said.

"There's a lot of ifs there," she added.

Van de Putte said she did not know if a decision has been made about whether the Senate Democrats who are in Albuquerque would leave Austin again if Perry calls another session.

Her comments came Sunday, the sixth day of the Democratic boycott of the Texas Senate in protest over congressional redistricting. Democrats outnumber Republicans 17-15 in the Texas congressional delegation but Republicans, led by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, are pushing for a new map that likely would give the GOP the majority.

Van de Putte also lashed out at Perry, saying he is dividing Texans, unlike his predecessor, George W.

Bush, who she said united people.

"The difference was Bush was the great uniter. Perry and DeLay are the great dividers," Van de Putte said.

Van de Putte said as governor, Bush made a great effort to bring minorities into the Republican Party. She said Perry was threatening to lock the Hispanic and black senators in the Senate chamber so they would be forced to vote on a redistricting map that she said would disenfranchise minorities.

"What kind of image is that?" Van de Putte said. "I think the real danger here is not to Governor Perry. I think the real danger here is to the White House and the Republican efforts that would want to be so inclusive."

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said Van de Putte's allegations are ludicrous and that Perry does not have the

authority to lock senators in the chamber. Only the lieutenant governor can lock the senators into the chamber.

"Her accusations are intended to obscure the fact that they ran away from their job and their responsibility," Walt said. "They can't begin to represent their constituents while they are in New Mexico."

Walt said Perry drew 35 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2002 and his policies on education, economic development and other issues have brought more Hispanics to the Republican Party.

Van de Putte also took a personal swipe at Perry.

He's "not the brightest porch light on the block," Van de Putte said, adding that he "really looks good in jeans."

(See REDISTRICTING, Page 3)

W. African troops deploy for Liberia rescue mission

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — West Africa's first troops landed Monday on an international rescue mission for Liberia, greeted by overjoyed civilians who spilled onto the airfield by the hundreds, screaming, "We want peace!"

Nigerian soldiers in green camouflage and flak vests leapt from white U.N. helicopters onto the tarmac at Liberia's main airport, outside the country's besieged capital.

Machine guns at the ready, they crouched, taking up defensive positions on the landing strip.

West African leaders promise an eventual 3,250-strong deployment charged with helping end 14 years of conflict in the war-torn country — and overseeing the departure of warlord turned-president Charles Taylor.

As an armored personnel carrier with mounted machine guns rolled off one of the later flights, scores of Liberian onlookers evaded security and ran toward the troops. "No more war. We want peace," they chanted, at one point lifting a commander, Col. Emeka Onwumama Egbu, to their shoulders.

Outside the terminal, two women danced in the rain, celebrating the arrival of the desperately hoped-for peace troops.

(See LIBERIA, Page 3)

Goat herding



(Pampa News photo)

Sheepdogs can herd goats, too. This dog crouches in a classic herding stance while the goats turn tail and head for the pen during the Third Annual Top of Texas Sheepdog Trials held Saturday and Sunday at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa.

Glitch forcing school districts to take out loans

FROM STAFF AND AP WIRE REPORTS

Frustrated superintendents of cash-strapped school districts across the state are scrambling to meet payroll and keep the lights on after a legislative typo delayed \$800 million in school funding.

The Pampa News was unable to reach Pampa Independent School District officials to learn if the glitch will affect the local district's budget.

Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haensch and Business Manager Carol Fields were both in start-of-school meetings today and had not returned calls by press time.

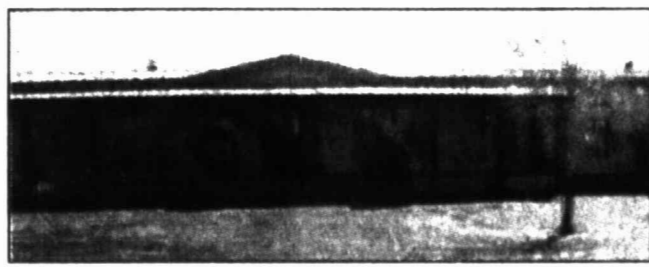
While officials in Cedar Hills, a Dallas bedroom community plan on borrowing about \$1 million, the tiny Morgan school district in rural Central Texas is applying for a \$140,000 loan to meet two months of payroll. The San Antonio school district expects to pull \$27.5 million from investments, at a loss of up to \$15,000 in interest, to cover August expenses, the state comptroller said.

Some superintendents blame state lawmakers for brecking over congressional redistricting.
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AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Aug. 2

8:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Terry and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Nelson and transported one to PRMC.

10:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

11:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic on a call for lifting assistance.

5:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

7:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of North Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

10:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Evergreen on a lifting assistance call.

11:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

Sunday, Aug. 3

5:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Lefors on a fire standby.

10:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2900 block of Perryton Parkway and reported no patient contact.

10:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSAW.

4:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Banks. No transport.

9:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Reid and transported one to PRMC.

9:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, Aug. 4

12:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWTW.

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REDISTRICTING

Walt said Van de Putte is stooping to personal attacks to try to turn the issue away from the fact that "they ran away from their responsibilities."

DeLay spokesman Jonathan Grella said Democrats will say and do anything to avoid their constitutional responsibility, including name calling and leaving the state.

"We'll let them call names and run wherever they see fit but the people of Texas disagree with their tactics and want to see them fulfill their responsibilities," Grella said.

Attempts to approve a redistricting bill failed during the regular legislative session and the first special session. Perry last week called lawmakers back for a second special session to try again.

The Democrats, however, fled to Albuquerque before he called the session. Their absence has blocked a quorum in the Senate, preventing the lawmakers who stayed in Austin from taking up business in the chamber.

The Democrats have said they will stay out of Austin until the second 30-day special session ends at the end of the month. Perry has declined to say how long he might continue to call 30-day special legislative sessions if redistricting fails in this one.

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LIBERIA

Even as peace troops landed, small-arms fire echoed in the neighborhoods of tin-roof shacks near Old Bridge, focus of a nearly two month attack as rebels try to push from Monrovia's port into downtown, heart of Taylor's government.

Col. Theophilus Tawiah of Ghana, the new force's chief of staff, said he knew how much Monrovia's trapped people had been waiting for the day. "And we hope to live up to their expectations," Tawiah said.

Authorities said 192 men and 33,000 pounds of equipment would deploy Monday. The West African deployment is to be followed within months by a U.N. peacekeeping force.

"We are ready. I can assure

you of that," said Capt. Aliyu Jibril, commander of the first units to arrive. Jibril said the troops had a mandate that allows them to fire to protect themselves and civilians.

On Sunday, two of three U.S. warships full of Marines arrived off the country's Atlantic Ocean coast, ready if ordered to deploy to support the peacekeepers, although their exact role remained unclear.

"We will have to see," if the Marines come ashore, said American Ambassador John Blaney, who was among the U.S., Liberian and Nigerian officials greeting the troops.

The United States, which oversaw Liberia's 19th-century founding by freed American slaves, has been under international pressure to intervene in the conflict.

Area law officers seek robbery suspect

Area law enforcement officers were searching for a man wearing a shaggy wig today in connection with an Amarillo robbery this morning.

Police said a man was taken at gunpoint from his home in Amarillo today and forced to withdraw money from a bank account.

Officers said the robber was wearing a shaggy wig and false mustache. They said he was also wearing a suit and a bullet proof vest. The victim described the robber as about 30 years old and being 5-foot, 8-inches tall.

Authorities said the robber had threatened to kill the victim's family in

Amarillo and Borger.

Officers said the robber is thought to be driving a pewter-colored 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe and armed with a pistol.

Authorities were uncertain whether the suspect's vehicle had been stolen at press time today.

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COUNTY

Friday, in the first of the county commission's two regular monthly meetings, commissioners adopted a policy of canceling juror checks that hadn't been cashed within six months.

Peet said that jurors who serve get a check, but many of them don't get around to cashing them in a timely manner.

"That doesn't mean they can't get a check," Peet said. "They can just come in and get another one."

In other business, the commissioners court authorized

Commissioner James Hefley to trade two old motor graders in on a new one.

Peet said that the Precinct Four Commissioner had held off replacing his motor graders for the past two years.

The commissioners also voted to continue the county's \$10 vehicle registration fee.

"Out of 254 counties in the state," Peet said, "at least 240 of them have some level of vehicle registration fee."

By law, the fee can only be used in the road and bridge fund.

In their Friday meeting, the

commissioners also approved continuing employee longevity payments.

Under county policy, employees can gain \$5 a month longevity pay after four years with the county.

Commissioners also discussed imposing an archive fee in the county clerk's office. The fee, if imposed, Peet said,

would go to pay to microfilm pre-1990 records in the county clerk's office.

They also discussed using the record management fund to microfilm real estate records since 1990.

"They have four rooms just for storage," Peet said, "and that's just the county clerk's office."

CORRECTION

On Tuesday, July 29, The Pampa News reported that Gray County tax appraisals were down \$100 million this year. The appraisals are down only approximately \$50 million, according to Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

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GLITCH

ers for bickering over congressional redistricting instead of fixing the funding problem during two special sessions.

"This is a definite case of politics taking precedence over what's good for the schoolchildren of Texas," said Paul Trull, superintendent of the 3,800-student Paris school district, which plans to borrow about \$1 million and use \$800,000 from its savings to cover this month's expenses.

"We're a property poor school district and we're dependent on state funds to keep our doors open," Trull said. "When there's not a fund balance, delaying state payments is critical."

During the 78th Legislature, lawmakers agreed to push back school payments by one month in order to balance the 2004 state budget, but the final legislation mistakenly ordered the delay for August 2003, rather than 2004.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said her office caught the mistake and hand-delivered a letter to Gov. Rick Perry's office on June 30 alerting him to the problems it could cause.

"This is precisely why I threw up the red warning

flag," Strayhorn said. "The minute we saw this we waved the red flag and said 'fix it.' It did not get fixed."

Legislation to correct the problem passed the House and the Senate during the first special session called by the governor, but before it could be signed in the presence of the Senate, 11 Senate Democrats broke quorum and fled to New Mexico to avoid having to vote on a Republican-friendly map of new political boundaries.

Perry's spokeswoman said a new fix-it measure has passed the House but can't move forward in the Senate until the Democrats holed up in New Mexico return to Texas.

"The governor is looking at what might be done, but at this point having the senators address the issue, having a

quorum there to address the issue, is what needs to be done," said Kathy Walt.

She estimates that about 700 Texas school districts are "adversely impacted" by the legislative mistake.

Several superintendents said they've been told they'll get their delayed payments in September. Some have money in their rainy day funds to help

them make it through the month.

Others, who have little or no savings, are rushing to their banks to take out short-term loans or dipping into investments to cover salaries for teachers, administrators, janitors and maintenance workers, and to cover utility payments and supplies needed for the new school year.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Daughter's Weight Gain Is Heavy Burden For Dad

DEAR ABBY: I am writing out of concern for my husband "Marc's" 9-year-old daughter, "Rachel." She visits us every other weekend. The rest of the time she lives with her mother in the next town.

Rachel is extremely overweight. We've watched her put on 20 more pounds this summer. Friends and family members, with the exception of Rachel's mother, have also become concerned about her weight problem.

Marc and I are both health-conscious. We make every effort to eat properly and live a healthy lifestyle. When Rachel is in our home, we make sure she eats well-balanced meals, and we never bring junk food into our home. Our problem is, Rachel's mother sees nothing wrong with her daughter bringing along a supply of fattening snacks when she comes to stay.

Time after time, Marc has tried to talk to his ex-wife about this problem. She refuses even to acknowledge that there is one! We're very concerned. We want Rachel to develop healthy habits, and we're worried that the teasing will be even worse when she begins fourth grade in the fall. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated.

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DEAR WORRIED: I'm assuming Marc's daughter has a pediatrician. If she doesn't, she should. As Rachel's father, Marc has the obligation to inform her physician about his daughter's weight gain and eating habits.

Perhaps the mother will be more receptive to supervising her daughter's diet when she hears from a doctor that her daughter is headed for trouble. If not, Marc should talk to his lawyer.

locate that child before her mother dies, so they could meet. She said that her mother has periods of confusion but is lucid "some of the time," and family members are divided about whether a reunion would be good for her. "Daughter" asked for your opinion.

You advised her to "let go of the fantasy." What an insensitive response! I cannot fathom why you would respond that way to someone who is trying to give her mother closure.

Granted, she should consult the doctor regarding the possible consequences. But even if it isn't a good idea for the mother to have this, it is important for that woman to know her sibling.

Please choose your responses with a more sensitive outlook, especially with such an emotional issue. PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATEWIDE ADOPTION REFORM

DEAR PRESIDENT: I am not against a reunion of the siblings. My concern was literally for the life of the mother — the shock could kill the poor woman. It's significant that when the writer's mother was well, she had not expressed a desire to find the "secret" child she had placed for adoption. That's why I said, "Let go of the fantasy." While the majority of reunions are happy ones, I hear from people who tell me that not all are. I'm sorry if you and others were offended.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: "Anxious Daughter in New England" wrote that she had just discovered that her mother — who is terminally ill with only weeks to live — had placed a baby for adoption many years ago. She said that she felt an "urgent need" to

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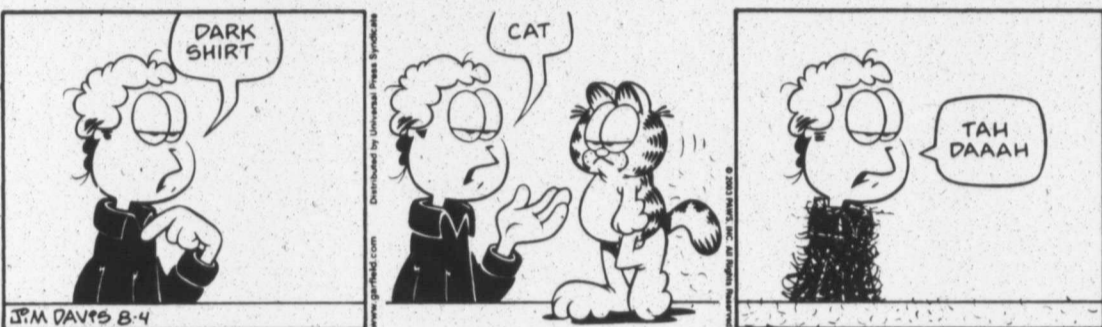
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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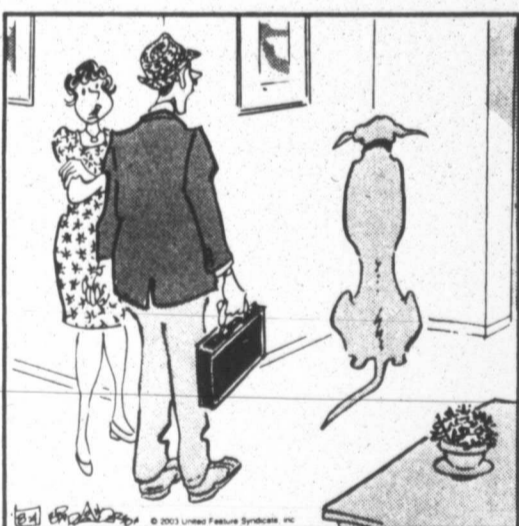
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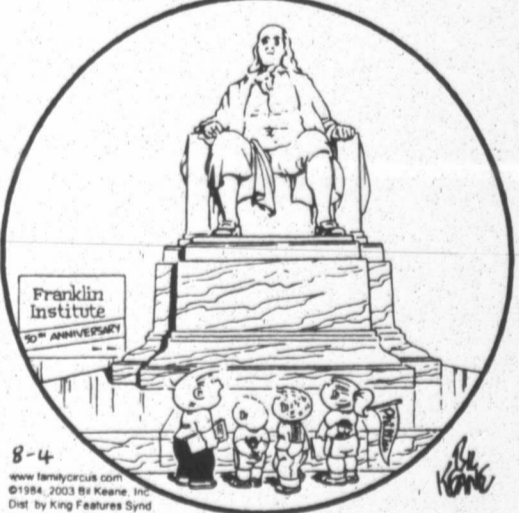
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West African troops deploy for Liberia rescue mission

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — The first West African forces arrived in Liberia on Monday, launching an international mission to end 14 years of carnage and oversee departure of warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor.

Nigerian soldiers in green camouflage and flak vests leapt out of the first U.N. helicopter as it settled onto the tarmac at Liberia's main airport, outside the country's besieged capital.

Machine guns at the ready, they crouched, taking up defensive positions on the landing strip.

"We know everyone is expecting us, and we hope to live up to their expectations," said Col. Theophilus Tawiah of Ghana, the freshly assembled force's chief of staff.

In Monrovia, residents near the city's embattled port heard cheers and watched flares go up over the war-ravaged city — rebels, celebrating arrival of the West African troops.

Authorities said a total of 192 men and 33,000 pounds of equipment would deploy Monday. The men are the first wave of a promised 3,250-strong West African deployment, to be followed within months by a U.N. peacekeeping force.

Two of three U.S. warships full of Marines arrived off the country's Atlantic Ocean coast, waiting to support the peacekeepers. It was unclear whether the U.S. Marines will ever go ashore.

Allan Doss, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's representative in

Sierra Leone, saw off the first troops from neighboring Sierra Leone earlier Monday.

"I wish you God speed and well in this historic mission to Liberia," Doss said. "The people of Liberia have suffered a lot, for too long. They need your help."

In all, 675 Nigerian soldiers and 18 of their officers assembled on the airfield to take part in the first deployment.

West African leaders have promised the force to quell fighting in Liberia, where two months of rebel sieges on the capital have killed more than 1,000 civilians outright and all but cut off the refugee-crowded city of more than 1.3 million from food and water.

The Nigerians, the first arrivals, are leaving a U.N. mission in Sierra Leone, where large-scale military intervention by Britain, neighboring Guinea and the United Nations helped end a vicious 10-year civil war.

Gen. Daniel Opande, commander of the U.N. force in Sierra Leone, spoke of "the very difficult task to try to bring Liberia back to normalcy."

"We shall follow what you have to do, and I am sure you will succeed," Opande said, drawing three cheers from the men.

Soon after the first two helicopters took off, troops loaded the first equipment — rumbling an armored personnel carrier up to another aircraft.

Separate flights also were planned at another Sierra Leone airfield for equipment.

On Sunday, the leader of the peacekeeping force for Liberia sought to temper high

expectations among the country's suffering people, saying the first troops would only secure the airport on the capital's outskirts.

"We are going in with as much troops as possible," Nigerian Brig. Gen. Festus Okonkwo, the force's commander, told reporters late Sunday. "We know that the situation is bad in and around Monrovia."

The airport is about a 47-minute drive on a government-held road from the capital, where fighting has raged daily between Taylor's fighters and rebels battling to overthrow him.

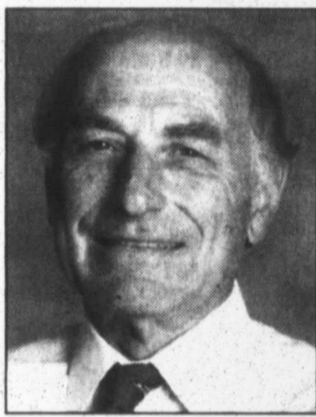
On the road to the airport, aid workers on Monday were preparing mass graves, readying them for the bodies of 70-80 people killed in fighting but left unclaimed at the morgue at Monrovia's main hospital.

Scholarship recipient



(Courtesy photo)

Josh Miller, right, son of Johnny and Jeanna Miller, was recently presented the H.J. and Evelyn Johnson Scholarship by Dr. Jay Johnson. Dr. Johnson bestows the scholarship annually upon a deserving Pampa High School graduate in memory of his parents, both graduates of PHS. Miller plans to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the fall.



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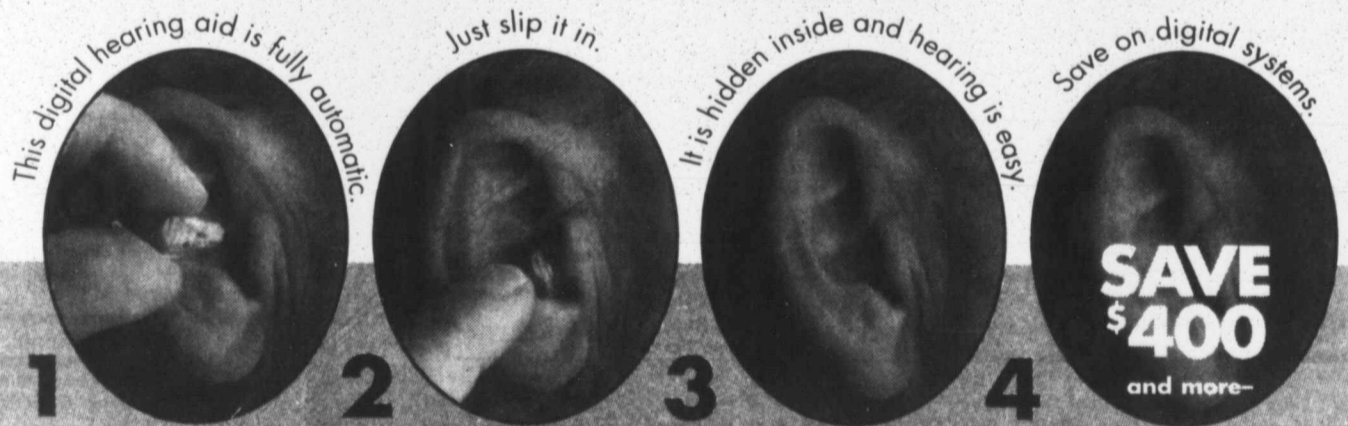
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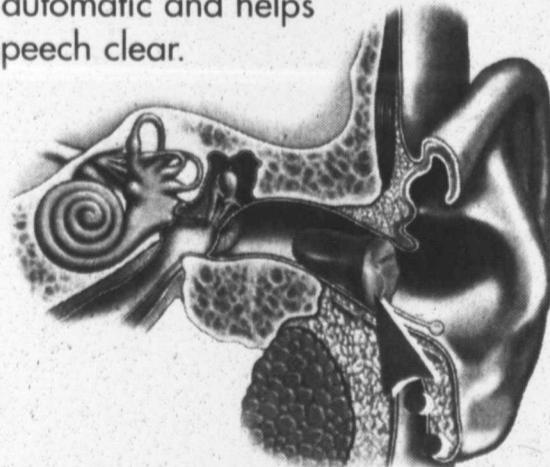


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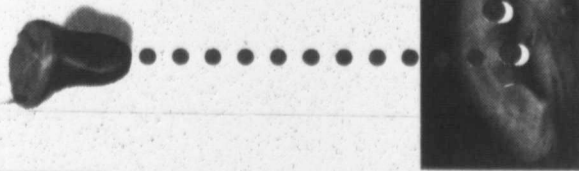
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WTW to stage special youth abstinence rally

Worth the Wait and First Baptist Church will co-host an abstinence rally featuring nationally-recognized speaker Lakita Garth at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, at First Baptist Church.

Garth, a Nike model, has been seen as a guest on the "Politically Incorrect" television show and has served as a consultant to the Bernie Mac Show.

The local rally, with door prizes and refreshments, is for youth, their parents and anyone interested in the work of Worth the Wait, according to Laura Allen of Worth the Wait.

Worth the Wait, a nonprofit, educational organization, was formed in Pampa in 1997 to address teen sexual activity as a public health issue. WTW

has served as the organizational catalyst in a community-wide effort to promote abstinence education.

Establishing early teen sexual involvement as a youth risk behavior and public health concern has enabled WTW to enlist medical professionals, social workers, teachers and professional you workers to present medically accurate information to students, parents, and the community at large. Thus, WTW advocates a teamwork approach that emphasizes the idea of informed teen decision making in the avoidance of all high-risk behaviors.

Particular attention is focused on equipping teens to say "yes" to health relationships and "no" to sexual involvement.

Fritch City Park to be site of next Howdy Neighbor Day

FRITCH — The 44th Annual Howdy Neighbor Day Celebration takes place this year on Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning with a "God Bless America" parade at 11 a.m. followed by festivities in Fritch City Park for the rest of the afternoon.

The annual event was founded by the Fritch Lions Club in 1959. At that time, it was called the Fritch Fair and was held at the Fritch Elementary School on Ridgeland. In the early 1970s, it was renamed Howdy Neighbor Day by the Fritch Chamber of Commerce and moved to Fritch City Park.

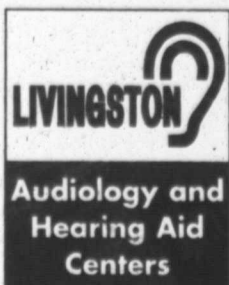
Individuals, clubs, groups and businesses are encouraged to participate in this city-wide celebration. This is an excellent opportunity for a

fund raiser for any organization. Booths are \$10 each for a 10.x10. space. Booths may be set up on Friday evening, Sept. 19, or early on Saturday morning. If the booth serves food, information about Texas state laws concerning food handling will be provided.

When the event is over, each booth renter is responsible for picking up the litter in their area.

There is no cost to be in the parade but those interested in entering should contact Cindy Nickell at (806) 857-2530 or (806) 273-6012.

For more information, call Debra Wells at The Eagle Press, (806) 857-2123, or Shelda Pingree at the Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum, (806) 857-2458.



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