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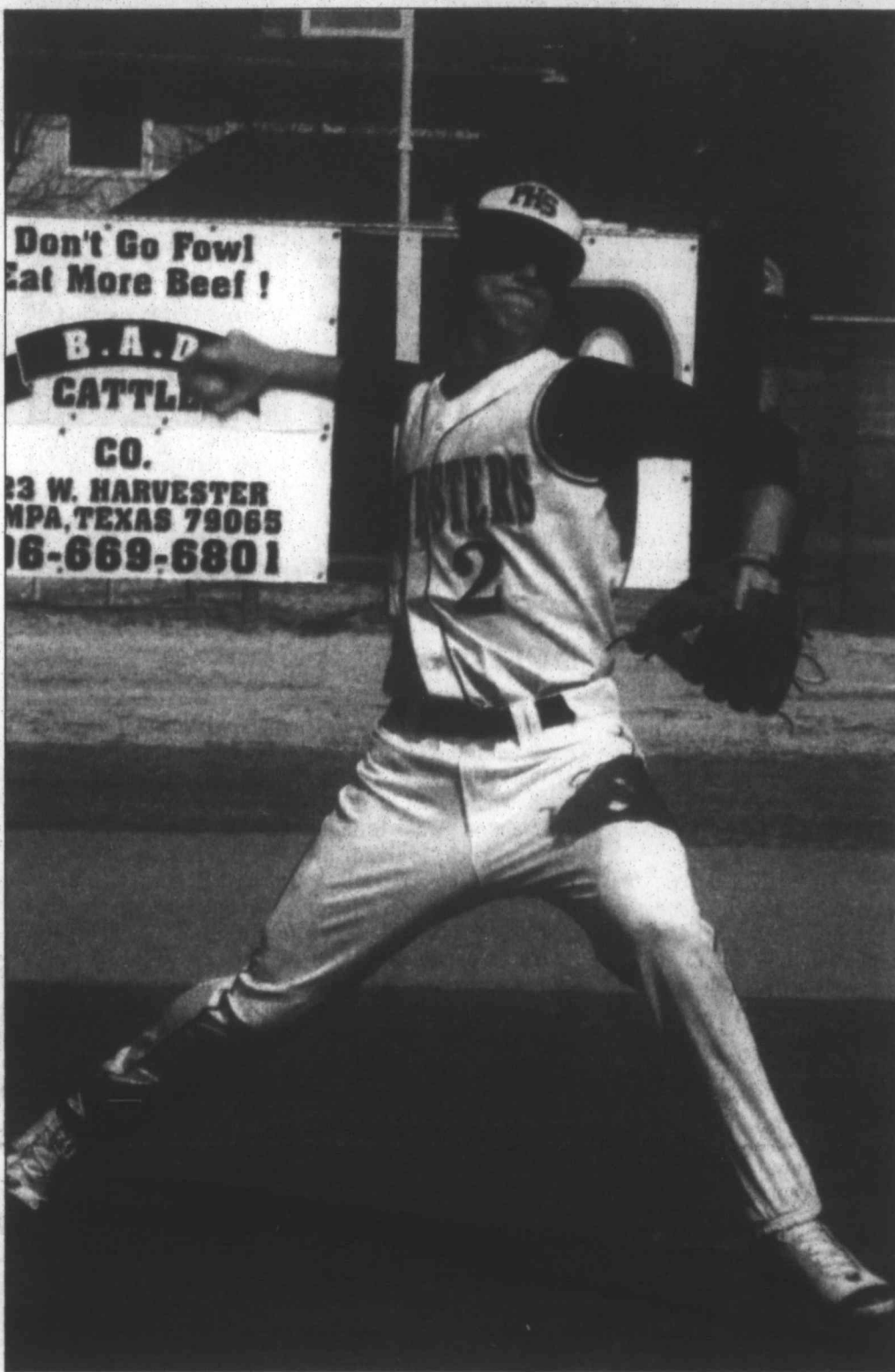
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Blake Sieck pitches for the Pampa Harvesters Friday afternoon at the Harvester Baseball Field in a game against Bushland. The Pampa Harvester baseball team started the year with two convincing wins in the Cavalier Classic, defeating Fritch by a score of 14-2 and then defeating Borger 11-3. The scores of the Bushland and Palo Duro games were not available at press time.

Pampa teens want to help fire victims

Two 13 year-old girls have decided to make a difference in the life of Linda Austin, who lost her house this month to fire for the second time in five years. Ashton Standerfer and Daniella Vivcaino are reaching out to Austin, manager of The Coney Island Cafe.

for their community service project required of National Junior Honor Society. The girls have organized collection barrels to be placed at all of the elementary schools in Pampa and at the junior high school. The two girls, both in seventh grade, have organized all aspects of the project on

their own. Jenny Standerfer explained this has made her a proud mother. "I am extremely proud of the girls for being community leaders at such a young age. I think as a community we can learn a great deal from the girls about the spirit of giving and human kindness."

TEENS— cont. on page 3

Parts of Texas are driest in US

By BETSY BLANEY
AP Agriculture Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Central Texas cattle raiser Gerry Shudde remembers Texas' drought of record in the 1950s when his family's ranch sometimes got a couple of 4-inch rainfalls a year. But the drought ongoing now is far different. "This is just cut off completely," the 74-year-old rancher said. "In a lot of ways, it's worse." Across the nation's No. 2 agricultural state, drought

conditions are evaporating stock tanks, keeping many crop farmers from planting into long-parched soil, forcing cattle producers to cull their herds, and dropping water levels in state lakes. Despite hurricanes Dolly, Gustav and Ike soaking Texas in 2008, almost every part of the state — nearly 97 percent — is experiencing some drought, according to the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map, released Feb. 26.

Parts of Central Texas and the Hill Country — more than 8 percent of the state — are not only in exceptional drought — the most severe stage of dryness — but they are now the driest region in the country and the driest they have been since 1918. It is the only place in the U.S. experiencing exceptional drought. San Antonio, two counties east of Shudde's ranch, has gotten only 16.67 inches of rain since September 2007, its driest 17 months

ever and about 28 inches below normal. November, December and January were the driest statewide since 1971 for that three-month span, the fourth-driest on record. Texas averaged .32 inches of rain in January, the fourth driest in history, and about one-fifth the normal monthly total. Statewide numbers for February have not yet been compiled. "February's gotten nothing but worse," said Victor Murphy, a meteorologist

with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "It's going to be the same gloomy numbers." Some local numbers were available, though, and they show that none of the state's 25 largest cities got even half the normal rainfall between Dec. 1 and Feb. 25. "That's another example of how bad things are," Murphy said. "Things just continue to get worse."

DROUGHT— cont. on page 3

New music venue opens tonight

by Rachel Stennett
Pampa youth won't have to complain of a lack of activities starting tonight (Feb. 28), with the grand opening of a Cinema Four's new music venue and game room. The game room, which features a stage for bands and a variety of games including pool and air hockey is simply a place for kids to hang out and local bands to play at on the weekends, co-owner Jason Scott explained. Scott and Troy

Schwiegerath, owners of the theater from Colorado, decided to open the game room so the venue could become a place for adults and students could have a place to go and call their own. "Kids are just looking for a place to hang out," Scott said of the new location. "They can go there and hang out all night." Along with a stage and games, the room will also have karaoke and two big screen televisions for student's entertainment. **FUN— cont. on page 3**

Sea Chanter hails from Borger

by Randy Pribble
Although the US Navy's Sea Chanters Chorus will be "just passing through" Pampa on a national tour, for one young member of the group, it is a trip back home. Musician 1st Class Casey Elliott will see some family and friends from Borger in the audience when the Sea Chanters perform on Monday, March 9 in the MK Brown Memorial Auditorium.



Casey Elliott

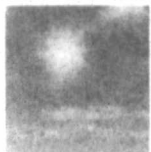
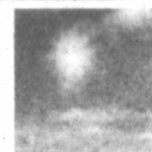
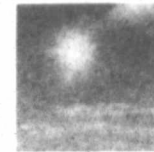
The 1998 Borger High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in choral conducting from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She joined the Navy in 2005 after graduation. One of the "really great things" about growing up in Borger, she said, was the opportunity to be in the high school choir. "Johnny Miller is the teacher there," Elliott said. "He was always encouraging me and helping me to do well in competition." After a few years of his tutelage, she decided she wanted to study music, although "the Navy thing was not even a blip on the radar."

CHANTER— cont. on page 3

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 22 and 32 early. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP)— Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-15-25-31-6.
 Number matching five of five: 0.
 Matching four of five: 109. Prize: \$377
 Matching three of five: 2,784. Prize: \$10
 Matching two of five: 28,666. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Daily 4 results

AUSTIN (AP)— The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-1-4. Sum It Up: 20
 (nine, six, one, four. Sum It Up: twenty).

Pick 3 results

AUSTIN (AP)— The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-6-0. Sum It Up: 13
 (seven, six, zero. Sum It Up: thirteen)

Authorities evacuate 60-80 homes in Irving

IRVING, Texas (AP)— North Texas authorities have evacuated between 60 and 80 homes and as many as 20 businesses after finding a vacant department store building saturated in gasoline.
 Fire officials received a phone call reporting the fumes late Friday afternoon. They found that a cleaning crew was using gasoline to strip tiles off the floor of the old building, located in a strip shopping mall in suburban Dallas.
 Fearing a fire or explo-

sion, officials ventilated the building and evacuated everyone within a 1,000-foot perimeter.
 They continued to monitor the situation on Friday night.
 "What kind of cleaning company would be crazy enough to clean something with gasoline?" evacuee David Hiles told TV station KDFW.

Ex-sheriff, jailers, inmates among 17 indicted

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)— More than a dozen people — including the ex-sheriff, former jailers and a couple of inmates — in a North Texas county have been indicted on various charges involving drugs, sex and other alleged crimes at the jail.
 A Montague County grand jury returned 44 indictments Friday afternoon against 17 people. A judge sealed the names until they are arrested, but their jobs at the jail and charges were made public.
 Montague County District Attorney Jack McGaughey says none of those indicted currently work at the jail, but the inmates are still in custody.
 Former Sheriff Bill Keating was not up for reelection last fall because he lost in the primary a year ago.

For the record

Obituaries

Mildred Butler Laycock

Pampa, Texas — Mildred Butler Laycock died February 26, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.
 Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Brown-Oglesby Funeral Home in Seneca, South Carolina. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Clemson, South Carolina. Memorial services in Pampa will be announced at a later date under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Laycock was born in Wellington, Texas to Elizabeth and Frank Slough. She graduated from Wellington High School and attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas. After working two years at the Agricultural Extension Office in the Collingsworth County Courthouse, she attended North Texas State College

at Denton, Texas. She worked for a time in an Amarillo law office for her uncle, Judge Elmer Slough.
 Mildred married Charles P. Butler and because he had a southern background, they were transferred to Atlanta, Georgia and then to Clemson, South Carolina. She took Real Estate classes at the University of South Carolina and was the first woman in the state of South Carolina to get a Real Estate license and become a broker. Mildred helped to develop two subdivisions there, Highland Estates and Ashley Estates, and named the streets, using a study of South Carolina history in that selection. She was president of the Tri-County Board of Realtors, a member of the Pickens County, South Carolina Planning and Development Commission, the Clemson

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In late 1975, Mildred married Dr. Raymond W. Laycock whom she had known in college. In Pampa, she belonged to the Top O' Texas Medical Auxiliary, Pampa Environmental Beautification Committee, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, Twentieth Century Club and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Raymond W. Laycock of the home, her son, Charles P. Butler, Jr. and wife Miriam of Greenville, South Carolina, two daughters: Betty Butler Heath of Hickory, North Carolina, and Julia Butler Eakes of Washington, DC, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one step-

daughter, Chris Lemons of New Braunfels and one step-great-granddaughter.



Laycock

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, First Baptist Church, 397 College Ave., Clemson, South Carolina 29631, BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a charity of one's choice.

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Emergency Services

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.
 Thursday, Feb. 26
 9:22 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Russel on a med assist.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.
 Thursday, Feb. 26
 Officers conducted 14 traffic stops.
 A total of nine calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.
 Forgery was reported at Allsups, 140 South Starkweather, where someone paid with a roll of fake coins.
 A motor vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Harvester and Russell.
 Three attempts to serve papers was made.
 Burglaries were reported in the 100 block of South Purviance, where a leafblower and saw were stolen, valued at \$800; and the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal mischief

was reported in the 1900 block of West Alcock, where the back window of a 1976 Winnebago was broken with a rock, valued at \$200; and at AmericInn, 1101 North Hobart, where a vehicle was keyed.
 Traffic complaints were received from the 2100 block of North Wells, and the intersection of Randy Matson and Russell streets.
 Harassment was reported in the lobby of the PD.
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 600 block of North Dwight, the 1600 block of East Highway 60, and the intersection of Browning and Rose streets.
 One alarm was investigated.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of East Highway 60.
 A welfare check was made in the 1400 block of North Russell.
 A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1500 block of North Hamilton.
 Forgery was reported in the 1400 block of South Barrett.
 Theft was reported in the 1100 block of West Alcock, and the 700 block of North Christy.
 Disorderly conduct was


reported in the 700 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 300 block of East Hobart.
 A gas drive off was reported at 1025 West Wilks.
 A suicide attempt was made in the 400 block of Pitts.
 Friday, Feb. 27


Officers conducted five traffic stops.

A stop in the intersection of Varnon and Huff streets resulted in at least one arrest.
 One call/and or stop concerning animals was made.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

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 Daughter: Jill



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 born: 2/27/51
 died: 3/22/07
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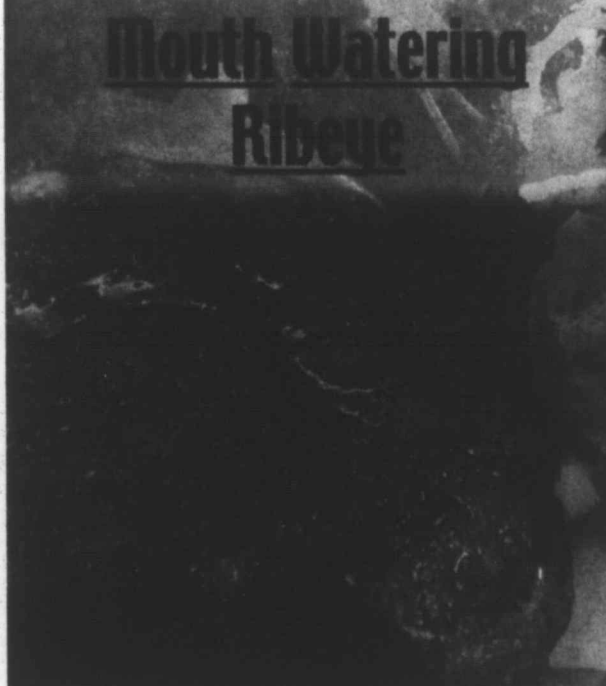
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Music and game room open Sea Chanter a local

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Scott said an issue they face as owners of the theater is kids coming to the movies out of boredom, and not a desire to actually see movies.

Instead of watching, they frequently talk loudly and distract people who are interested in actually seeing the film. "When I see a sixth grader buy a ticket to go see 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button' I know I'm going to have problems with them all night," Scott said.

To better control the theater audience, Scott and Schwigerath decided to invest in the game room to provide an appropriate escape for adults and students.

The game room will always be under adult supervision, and Scott hopes it becomes successful enough that they can afford to hire security for weekend nights.

Five local bands are set to play for the grand opening, each from a different genre of music. The cost on Friday and Saturday nights is \$5, \$3 on week nights.

The game room will be open every day— from 1 p.m. to midnight on weekends and from 5-10 p.m. on weeknights.

Scott said Cinema Four is open to suggestions or comments from the community.

The movie theatre is also installing new seats this week.

The funding for the seats came from an anonymous donor. "I have no idea who it is, but I praise God for it," Scott explained. The seats were purchased from a movie theater which was shut down in Denver, Colo.

900 seats were purchased and will be installed as quickly as possible in the theater. Eight rows of seats were installed Friday afternoon, replacing the oldest seats. "I hear about financial miracles like this, but it's never happened to me. I want to thank whoever it was that donated the money."

Sea Chanter a local

Chanter— cont. from page 1

The connection came about through the choir's participation in the Southwestern American Choral Directors Association conventions in Arkansas.

"The military bands based in Washington DC (like the Sea Chanters)," Elliott explained, "send out recruiters to the conventions."

The Sea Chanters' representative recruited one of her friends first, but the following year (2004), the recruiter also convinced Elliott to join the chorus.

"You can make a good living as a choral director," Elliott said of her decision, "but you don't get to sing as much. And, there aren't very many jobs where you can sing in a professional chorus, get a good salary and full medical and dental."

The Sea Chanters are under the direction of Commanding Officer Captain G. N. Thompson. The chorus' unit leader Chief Musician Georgina L. Todd.

Elliott and Musician 1st Class Benjamin L. Bransford III are associate conductors. Elliott is also the unit's staff photographer.

"That means carrying a camera around with me on the tour for the past two years," she said.

"Basically, our band runs itself. There are no civilians members associated with it. We do everything. So everyone has to diversify their skills. I've been a librarian, a photographer and a conductor."

The Sea Chanters are one of five performing units in the Navy Command Band. It is based in Washington DC, where there is no military housing, so everyone lives in the greater Washington area. Elliott lives in Virginia.

"We tour every year for

two or three weeks in the Spring and we go all over the United States," she said.

However, they are also busy doing such things as performing whenever the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has visiting dignitaries or military officials or performing for the President or Vice-President at similar functions.

"It isn't every job where you can say, 'I've been to see the President four times this year,'" she laughed. "That is always an honor."

She is looking forward to a trip back to the high

plains of the Texas Panhandle.

"I like Washington DC and I love my job, I really do," she said. "but the high plains - there is so much more room, it is not as crowded and people can spread out. The pace of life is slower and that is what I'm used to."

The concert will feature a variety of music ranging from sea chanties to modern choral music.

"Most of the fun I have on our concert is a medley of 1960s pop songs," she said. "I like to make music with really great people," she said.

Girls pitch in to help

Teens— cont. from page 1

The barrels will be points of collection for small household appliances and basic needs, including clothes, health and beauty products, towels and other household items. Used items in good condition will be accepted.

Barrells will also be placed at Wal-Mart and United Supermarket throughout the month of March, pending district approval.

Austin's house burnt down for the second time in five years Friday, Feb. 13. The house was rated a total loss.

Standerfer and Vivcaino learned about the tragedy and were moved to do something about it because they were frequent patrons of The Coney.

"My kids went to school with Linda's grandkids," Linda Standerfer, Ashton's mom, explained. "They were moved by The Pampa News article and Linda's positive, comical attitude about the fire."

At the fire, Linda was quoted saying, "I believe I'm going to have to move," as she looked at her smoking home.

Linda was "overwhelmed," upon learning about the girls effort to help her and her family. Linda and her family have been living with her niece and other relatives since the fire.

"It's hard to talk about, it makes me cry," Austin explained of the community response and help she has received since the fire. "I am overwhelmed by it. I cannot describe how you feel when this happens, you feel so loved. It's like God's love is poured out on you through all these people. God is good and works through everybody," Austin said.

Austin also said that the outreach she has received has motivated her to help other organizations that provide help to the community on a regular basis, like The Red Cross and The Salvation Army. "When this happens to yourself, you realize how other people need to be helped too," she said. "Even a dollar is enough, a hug is enough, a word of care is enough. It all just makes you feel better."

Austin's daughter wears women's size four or six clothing and size nine shoes. Clothing items are also need for a 10-year-old boy, (tall, but a size 10) and baby Jazmine, who is two months old and growing.

Anyone interested in donating to the Austin family, or for further information on the barrels, may contact Jenny Standerfer at The Puppy Parlor or 806-662-7352.

La Nina keeping us dry

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There is, however, a glimmer of hope. Forecasters say it appears the La Nina weather pattern that's kept Texas dry may be breaking up over the central Pacific Ocean.

"It looks like it's starting to weaken," Murphy said. "With that being the case, May and June, our normal rainy months, we might

have something positive to look forward to."

If those rains don't materialize, the cost to agriculture could be enormous.

"It's too preliminary" to estimate what the losses could be this year, said Travis Miller, drought specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

If the recent past is any

indication, agriculture losses could top 2006. Drought-related crop and livestock losses were the state's worst ever for a single year, totaling \$4.1 billion. Numbers on the latest drought map are worse than those for same week of 2006.

Pampa ISD Events for the Week of March 2-7

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Pampa High School

- March 2 • Open Gym Cheerleading • 7:00 p.m.
- March 3 • TAKS ELS Tet
- March 4 • TAKS Math Retest
- March 3 • Band Clinic
- March 4-7 BPA Nationals
- March 4 • TAKS Science Retest
- March 6 & 7 • Band All Region Clinic/Concert

Pampa Junior High School

- March 2 • 8th Grade Parent Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • Library
- March 3 • TAKS Test 8th Grade Reading
- March 3 • TAKS Test 7th Grade Writing
- March 7 Make-up Session for TAKS

Austin Elementary

- March 3 • TAKS Test 4th Grade Writing
- March 3 • TAKS Test 3rd & 5th Grade Reading

Lamar Elementary

- March 3 • TAKS Test 4th Grade Writing
- March 3 • TAKS Test 3rd & 5th Grade Reading
- March 3 • 2nd Grade Field Trip Botanical Gardens
- March 3 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Travis Elementary

- March 3 • TAKS Test 3rd & 5th Grade Reading
- March 3 • TAKS Test 4th Writing
- March 3 • Altrusa to Read to Ms. Holguin's Class • 10:00 a.m.

Wilson

- March 2 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- March 3 • TAKS Test
- March 4 • Little "Book Worms" Club • 2:15 p.m.

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Today in History

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Today is Saturday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2009.
There are 306 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 28, 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.

On this date:
In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was incorporated by the state of Maryland.

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains the human genes.

In 1959, American author and playwright Maxwell Anderson died in Stamford, Conn., at age 70.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and

'Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know'

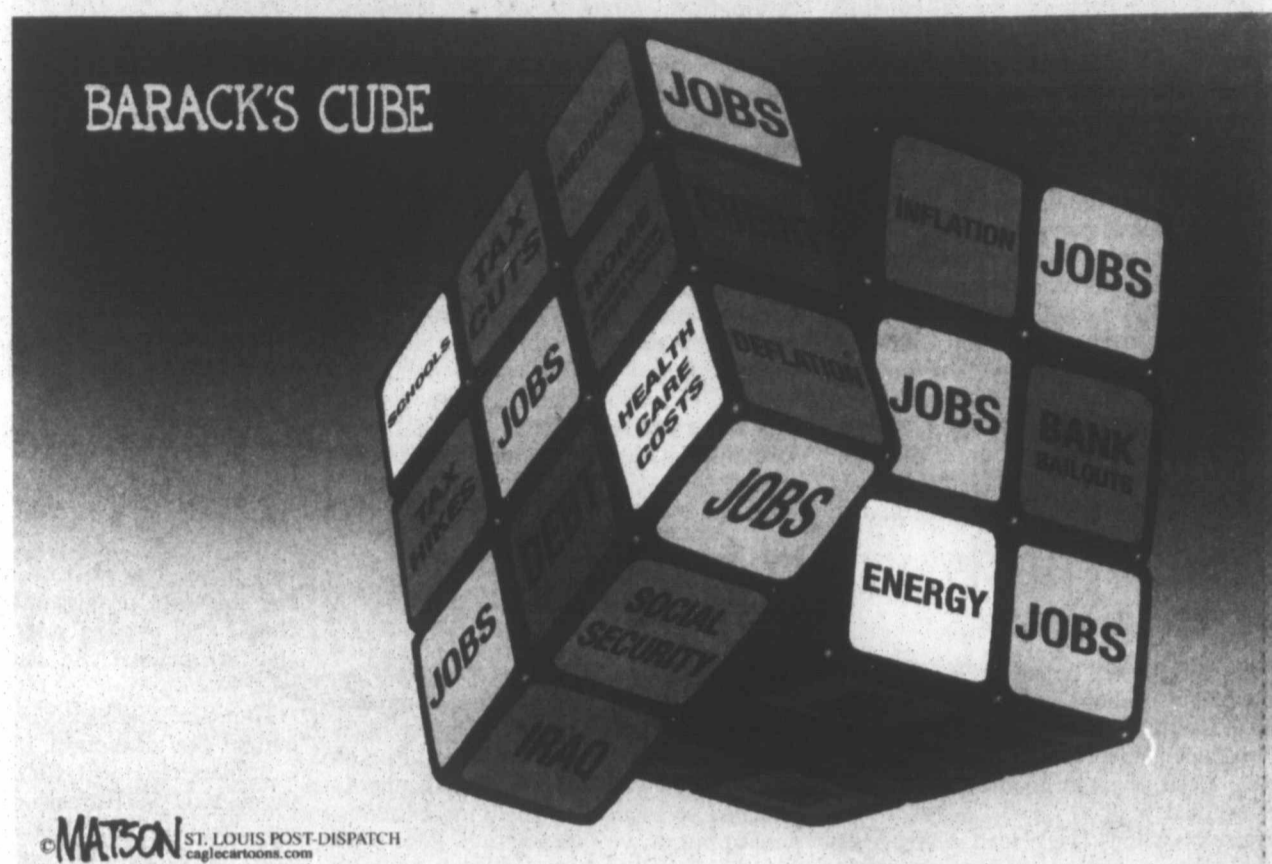
—Daniel J. Boorstin
American historian, educator and Librarian of Congress

Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

Five years ago: Iraq's U.S.-picked leaders failed to meet a deadline for adopting an interim constitution. Six-nation talks on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program ended in Beijing with an agreement to hold more negotiations. The Bow Mariner, a tanker carrying ethanol, exploded and sank off the Virginia coast; three crew members died and 18 were left missing and presumed dead, while six men survived. Former Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin died in Washington, D.C., at age 89.

One year ago: President George W. Bush told a White House news conference the country was not recession-bound; Democratic candidate Barack Obama said the economy was "on the brink of a recession" and blamed economic policies espoused by Bush and Republican presidential contender John McCain.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Charles Durning is 86; Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, is 83. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 78. Actor Don Francks is 77. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 70. Auto racer Mario Andretti is 69. Singer Joe South is 69. Actor Frank Bonner is 67. Actress Kelly Bishop is 65. Football player Bubba Smith is 64. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 62. Actress Mercedes Ruehl is 61. Actress Bernadette Peters is 61. Energy Secretary Steven Chu is 61. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 54. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Adrian Dantley is 53. Actor John Turturro is 52. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 52. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 48. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 40. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 40. Actress Maxine Bahns is 38. Country singer Jason Aldean is 32. Actor Bobb'e J. Thompson is 13.



Texas Independence Day honors our tradition of patriotism

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Nearly 173 years ago, two very different groups of Texas patriots led a double-barreled effort that would eventually secure Texas' independence from Mexico and change the future of the United States.

On March 2, 1836, a convention of 54 men drafted and signed the Texas Declaration of Independence at a small settlement called Washington-on-the-Brazos. Among the signers were my great-great grandfather, Charles S. Taylor of Nacogdoches, and his friends Sam Houston and Thomas Rusk, who later became the first Senators to represent Texas. On behalf of all Texans, they declared, "We, therefore... do hereby resolve and declare... the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign and independent republic."

During this time, 189 Texas soldiers were under siege at the Alamo in San Antonio by an estimated 6,000 Mexican troops who were determined to extinguish this newly created republic. Under the valiant leadership of Colonel William Barret Travis, these Texans, outnumbered 10 to 1 by Mexican forces, fought courageously in the most famous battle of the Texas Revolution.

Though Colonel Travis and his soldiers were willing to lay down their lives in service to Texas and in pursuit of its freedom, they knew that without rein-

forcements they would not be able to withstand the much larger Mexican army. In a final letter to all Texans shortly before the fall of the Alamo, Colonel Travis wrote:

Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man - the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison is to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall - I shall never surrender or retreat.

Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country - Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis, Lt. Col. Commander

The sacrifice of Colonel Travis and his men made General Sam Houston's subsequent victory at San Jacinto possible. As cries of "Remember the Alamo!" were delivered during the final battle of the Texas Revolution,

General Houston and his soldiers won independence for Texas.

The Texans leading the fight against Mexico weren't alone in their sacrifice. The signers of the Texas Declaration, like their forefathers who signed the American Declaration of Independence in 1776, risked their own lives and those of their families when they put pen to paper. They were considered traitors to Mexico as they used their voices, professions, and positions of influence to wage a critical battle in Texas' struggle for independence.

My great-great grandfather's own loss was significant. While he was doing the work of the Republic, all four of his children (ages seven and younger) who remained back at home in Nacogdoches died during the "runaway scrape," when the women and children in the Nacogdoches Territory fled toward Louisiana because they feared Indians and Mexican troops were headed their way. Our family story did not end there, however. Charles S. Taylor and his wife, my great-great-grandmother, went on to have nine more children who were blessed to lead lives of independence and opportunity in Texas.

It is important that every generation of Texans pause to remember these patriots: each soldier who gave his life at the Alamo and Goliad; the 54 men who met at Washington-on-the-Brazos, putting their lives



in danger by signing that Declaration. Of Independence and becoming heroes for a cause; and every man, woman, and child who struggled to make Texas the marvelous place it is today. While few of these Texans could have predicted Texas' future prosperity and achievements, they all knew independence and freedom were worth any sacrifice.

Each year on March 2, I am honored to recognize our history by reading Colonel Travis' letter on the floor of the United States Senate. The late Senator John G. Tower, who served in the Senate between 1961 and 1985, initiated this practice, and I am proud to carry on the tradition today. It is my hope that this ritual will last for generations to come, as our children and grandchildren carry on our state's legacy of freedom and patriotism.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

Hope in unlikely places: Citizen solutions

By Eleanor LeCain

In his address to Congress, President Obama acknowledged that hope is found in unlikely places; now he can tap into people in those unlikely places to renew America.

People expect the president to solve an array of formidable challenges like creating good-paying jobs, providing health care, strengthening energy independence, and improving public schools.

Fortunately, the president can draw on the experience of the most accomplished Americans, not only the well-known wise men and women selected for the Cabinet, but regular people who solved these problems in their own communities.

Just about any problem anywhere has been solved by someone somewhere.

• IN EDUCATION -- Urban schools have drop-out rates of up to 50 percent and college-bound rates of only 10 percent. Yet, Deborah Meier founded Central Park East, a public high school in Harlem where 90 percent of students graduate, and 90 percent of graduates attend col-

lege.

• IN CRIME -- Two million people in prison costs about \$50 billion a year, plus the cost of building prisons and wasted lives. Despite the expense, over 70 percent of released inmates commit crimes again and return to jail. But at Delancey Street rehabilitation center in San Francisco, criminals and drug addicts turn their lives around and become productive citizens. There's no cost to taxpayers since the center is financed by businesses run as training programs by the residents.

• IN HEALTH AND SCIENCE -- About one million people have autism and severe problems with language and social interaction. Yet, The Son-Rise Program in Sheffield, Massachusetts has helped hundreds of families enable children and adults with autism to improve in all areas of learning and communication, sometimes experiencing dramatic improvement.

Solutions like these are all over the country. But currently there is no systematic way to identify and build on best practices in the social sector.

A White House Office for Solutions would provide a vital link between the creativity of the American people and the government.

The White House Office for Solutions would launch a nationwide treasure hunt inviting citizens to find the best of what's working in their area. For example, educators can report on the best schools. People in community safety groups can report on the best ways to reduce crime.

Citizens become Solution Scouts, discovering breakthrough solutions and reporting them to the White House Office for Solutions. The Office would vet the recommended programs, sending the best to the appropriate federal agency.

Solutions would be made available to the public and elected officials nationwide through a website and regional conferences. For example, successful models of education would become available to governors, mayors, teachers and parents. In this way, a breakthrough anywhere can become a breakthrough everywhere.

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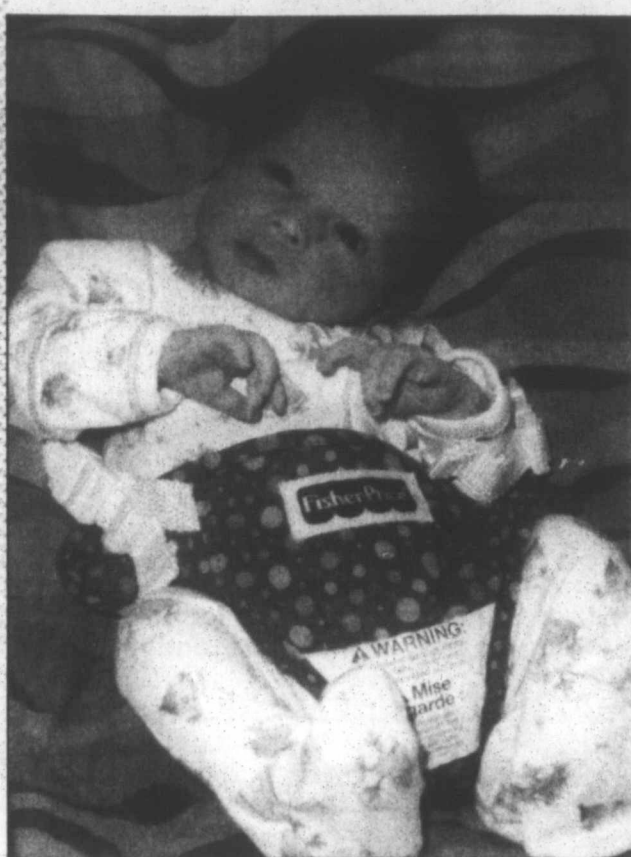
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Around town

WELCOME



Autsin Michael Snow

Austin Mitchell Snow was welcomed into the world on Wednesday January 21, 2009 at Plano Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, Texas, by parents Jay and Angela Snow and brother Garrett Walker Snow of Colleyville, Texas, grandparents Frank and Sue Snow of Pampa, Texas, and grandparents Frank and Beverly Wood of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Austin weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz., and was 20 inches long at birth.

Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble
Hidden Hills
Golf Course
Feb. 25, 2009

1st Place (61)
D. Adams
J. Gilbert
J. Richardson
D. Butler

2nd Place (63)
P. Montoya
J.L. Davis
L. Morris
D. Scott

3rd Place (63)
J. Brashears
H. Wells
O. Sargent
J. Jensen

4th Place (63)
G. McCabe
J. Bridges

G. Brewer
B. Lyle

5th Place (64)
B. Hammer
J. South
M. Allison
C. Lacy

6th Place (64)
R.D. Stephens
C. Byrum
R. Wilson
J. Gray

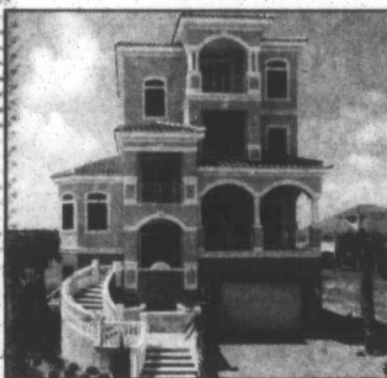
7th Place (64)
B. King
R. Porter
H. Malone
J. Stronger
B. Brandon

Cloest to the Pin
J. Gilbert (#6)
C. Albus (#12)



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Around town

Atwood, Horton exchange vows

Lindsey Hannah Atwood of Sweeny, Texas married John Benjamin (J.B.) Horton IV of Pampa, Texas on October 18, 2008, outdoors in Woodway, Texas. The couple was wed by Reverend Don Davidson of Washington D.C. Parents of the bride are Martin and Joan Atwood of Sweeny, Texas. Lindsey is a graduate of Baylor and will attend graduate school in the fall at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Parents of the groom are Benny and Kerrick Horton of Pampa, Texas. John is a graduate of West Texas University and received his Masters Degree at the University of Leeds in Leeds, England. Maid of honor for the wedding was Camille Atwood, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids included Meredith Bagwell, sister of the groom, of Pampa, Kaycee Borders, Kim Brooks, and Karen Sargent. Best man was Benny Horton, father of the groom, and groomsmen were Jason Bagwell, brother-in-law of the groom, of Pampa, and Martin Gillespie, John Horton, and Andy Rajec, all of Washington D.C. The ring bearers were Jackson and Mason Bagwell, nephews of the groom, of Pampa. Ushers were Tarin Peet of Kansas, Tracy Peet of Pampa, and Torey Sellers of Houston. The reception was held at Carleen Bright Arboretum in Woodway, Texas. Musician was Melanie Warner Kenndy, cousin of the groom, of Fresno, California. Servers included Kate Altemore, Amy Hinkelman, and Sarah




Lindsey and J.B. Horton

Stamper. Shannon and Katie Schmidt, cousins of the bride, registered the guests present. The honeymoon was at Tango Mar Resort in Costa Rica, and the future address of the bride and groom will be in Fort Worth, Texas.



Emma Searl was the winner of Heard Jones drawing for this large Bear. Pictured with her is her mother, Staci Garcia, and employee Carol Lesley.




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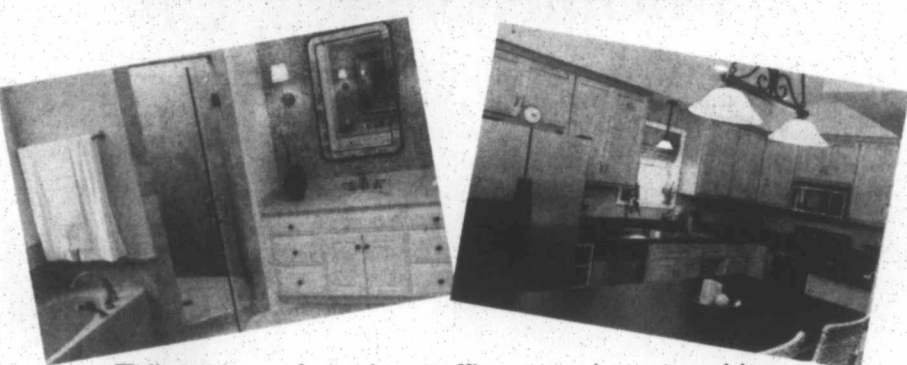
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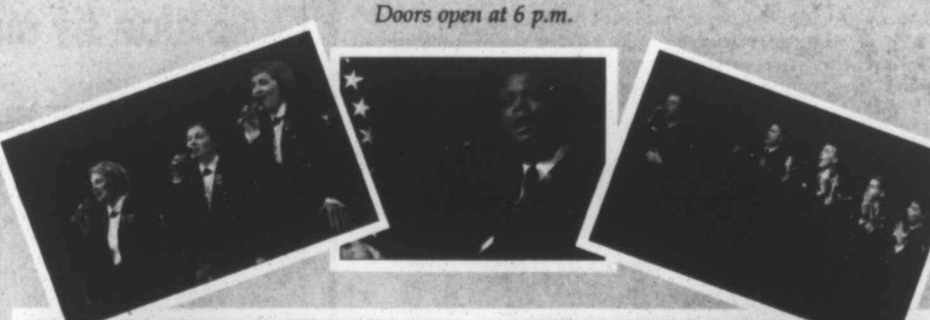

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Around town



Pampa Texas Youth Survival Boxing Club members participated in the 2008 Golden Glove meet in Lubbock, Texas February 20 and 21. Trace Galaviz, Leftwich, age 12, weight class: 119, Novice, win/walkover; Freddy Ambriz, age 14, weight class: 106, Open, lost; Jordan Hernandez, age 14, weight class: 119, Novice, win; Jay Kelly, age 22, weight class: 165, Open, win. Kelly advanced to state in Fort Worth, Texas on March 3. Mark Ambriz is coach and president of Youth Survival.

Macaroni/cheese
Pork beans
Mixed fruit

Tuesday
Mexican casserole
Spanish rice
Pinto beans
Plum cobbler

Wednesday
Meatloaf
Peas/carrots
Potatoes casserole
Pudding

Thursday
Chicken strips
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Sugarless cake

Friday
Beef tip
Cream corn
Baked apples
Cookies

Thursday- Chicken strips or sausages and kraut, mashed potatoes, fried okra, turnip greens, blackeyed peas/snaps, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, Boston Creme Pie or peach cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread

Friday- Catfish and hushpuppies or pork roast/dressing, potato wedges, broccoli spears/cheese sauce, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, brownies or tapioca cups, hot rolls or cornbread

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March 2 through
March 6, 2009 Menu

Monday-Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, German Chocolate Cake or Cherry Creme Pie, hot rolls or cornbread

Tuesday- Meatloaf or tuna noodle casserole, mashed potatoes, italian green beans, buttered corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, Funfetti cake or chocolate pie

Wednesday- Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, california blend, breaded tomatoes, beans, slaw, tossed salad, jello salad, Funfetti cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread

WEEKLY MENUS

Menu
Briarwood Kid's
Cafe
March 5

Tacos
Beans
Salad
Dessert
Drink
Lamar Kid's Cafe
March 3
Fried Chicken
Mashed potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert
Drink

Pampa Independent
School District Menu

Monday, March 2
Egg rolls or pizza
Corn
Broccoli and cheese

Pineapple tidbits
Rice Pilaf
Breakfast: French toast sticks

Tuesday, March 3
Chicken friend steak or chicken nuggets
Whipped potatoes
English Peas
Fresh fruit
Hot roll
Breakfast: Cheese omelet, toast

Wednesday, March 4
Pigs in a blanket or pizza dippers
Blackeyed peas
Sliced carrots
peaches
Breakfast: biscuit, gravy
Thursday, March 5
Burrito or beef and cheese nachos

Green beans
Tossed salad
Applesauce
Breakfast: Donut, sausage patty

Friday, March 6
Fish strips or hamburger
French fries
Burger salad
Strawberry cup
Cookie
Breakfast: Cereal, toast
Wilson Kid's Cafe
March 2
Stew and grilled cheese
Chips
Dessert
Drink

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Monday
Corn dogs

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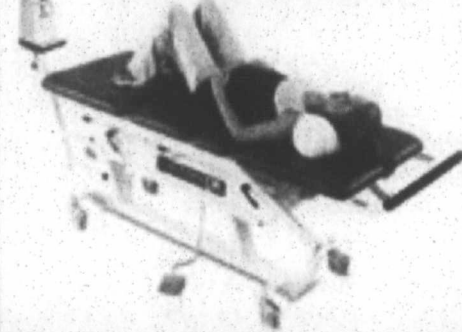
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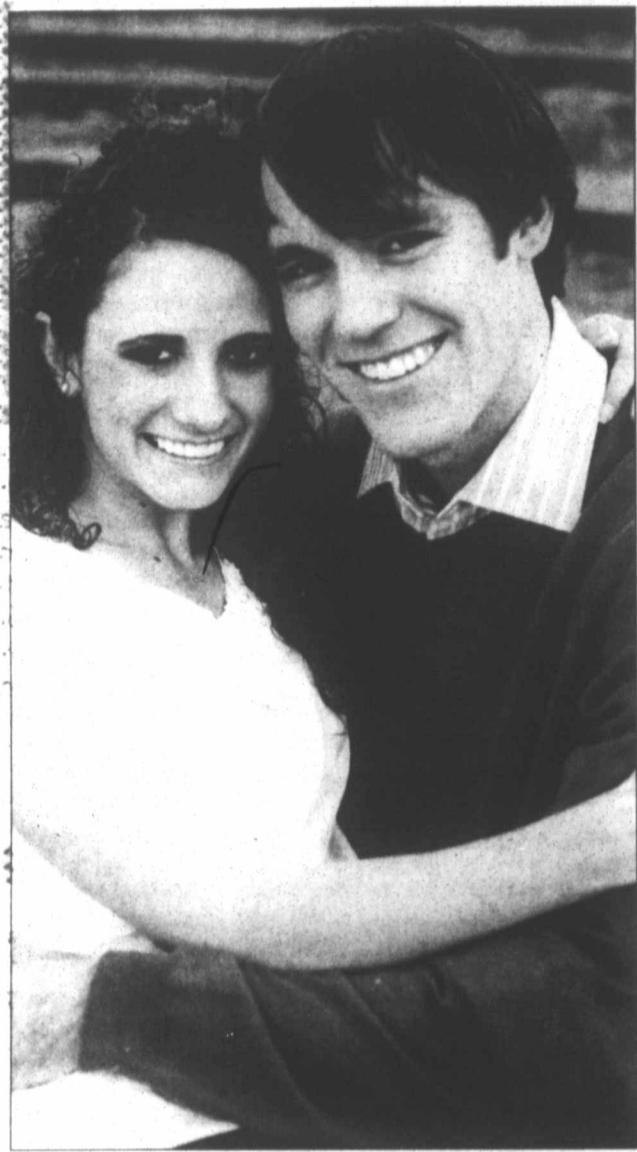
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Around town

Jordan, Newton to wed



Royce and Kim Jordan, former residents of Pampa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Brooke Jordan to Bradley Lane Newton, both of Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at The Legacy in Lubbock.

The groom's parents are Bob and Kim Newton of Midland.

Tara is a 2004 Graduate of Pampa High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University with a B.S. in General Studies She is a realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Lubbock.

Bradley is a 2003 Graduate of Midland High School, a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University with a B.S., and will graduate with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Texas Tech University Health Science Center in August 2009.

LAMAR ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Lamar Elementary Honor Roll 4th -6 Weeks

A

2nd Grade— Ellizabeth Arreola, Amberli Hernandez, Julianthony Lewis, McKenna Morgan, D'Anthony Ontiveros, Hugo Quezada, Alfredo Resindez, Micah Rich, Sarai Rodriguez, Rogelio Servin, Juan Silva, Eduardo Soto, Gerardo Soto, Hailee Whitehead,

3rd Grade - Monica Apodaca, Allison Armendariz, Moses Avila, David Soria, Damien Soto

4th Grade- Kierstyn Colpetezer, Lauren Littlefield, Christian Tapia,

5th Grade - Willie Castillo, Andre Losoya, Osmar Madrid, Luis Rivera, Francisco Salazar

A-B

2nd Grade— Thomas Almanza, Dejah Burnley, Gama Carbajal, Jasmine Crumpton, Junior Estrada, Chloe Ford, Devin Johnston, Jastein McGahan, Deisy Molina, Myriam Moreno, Hayden Morgan, Alexander Ortiz, Kyanna Perry,

Yaquelin Recindez, Gavy Soto, Jaqueline Spiller

3rd Grade— Christian Aguilar, Corbin Angulano, Shelby Burnett, Gabriel Cervantes, Lynn Crotwell, Jordan DeShane, Daniel Garcia, Gaige Guyer, Mathew Harvill, Katia Hernandez, Joseline Madrid, Junior Mares, Jayden Medley, Sebastian Morales, Jennifer Price, Alex Rodriguez, ShyDay Smith, Jacey Steel, Ryleigh Summers, Matthew Thornton, Alexis Vasquez, Gracie Watson

4th Grade— Lee Chennault, Nikolas DeLeon, Rubi Garcia, Kaenan Hanks, Marco Lopez, Guadalupe Macias, Katya Madrid, America Mariscal, Anai Mendoza, Ashlynn Organ, Taylor Ramming, Brendon Woelfle, Copper Zepeda

5th Grade— Iriscel Cabrales, Rosa Cabrales, Henry Garcia, Rickie Johnson, Brittany Lang, Nallely Ortega, Nolan Price, Joseph Radke, Maria Ramirez, Kyler Ramming, Cindy Romero, Brayham Sandoval, Corby Snapp, Julissa Torres, Raeli Walker

"Paws for Poetry" contest for kids

April marks the 13th anniversary of National Poetry Month. To help celebrate, budding Emily Dickinsons and Edgar Allan Poes are encouraged to participate in the 2nd annual "Paws for Poetry" Contest (PawsforPoetryContest.org). To enter, children ages 7-12 are to write a poem to, and provide a photo of, their favorite animal friend. The contest is co-sponsored by kids' virtual field trip Web site Meet Me At the Corner (www.MeetMeAtTheCorner.org) and Laugh a Lot Poetry (www.LaughALotPoetry.com).

Original poems of any length may be submitted in one of two categories:

Group One (ages 7-9) and Group Two (ages 10-12). One grand prize winner in each category will receive a prize package worth \$50.00. Two runners-up in each category will receive a \$25 gift package. Children's author and poet Darren Sardelli is the contest judge. "Paws for Poetry" Contest prizes are provided by on-line pet supply provider Drs. Foster and Smith (DrsFosterSmith.com).

The winning poem and pet photo will be highlighted in a Meet Me At The Corner video pod cast. For more information, rules and submission guidelines, please visit PawsforPoetryContest.org. The contest deadline is March 31, 2009.

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Our next Board meeting will be: THURSDAY, March 26, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. at 309 N. Ward. Churches that financially support Good Sam are eligible to have representation on the Board of Directors.

Our Special "THANKS":

•Macy Cochran who collected many coats, blankets, sheets and towels for a project of the National Jr. Honor Society.

•The National Bank of Commerce for a donation to buy blankets.

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Texas jobless fund could need federal bailout

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The head of the Texas Workforce Commission says the state may need to seek a federal loan to maintain the unemployment compensation trust fund.

Chairman Tom Pauken says with more people losing their jobs, that a "real deficit" could come by September of October.

The update comes as Texas lawmakers debate expanding unemployment benefits.

"It's just a bad situation," Pauken said in a story for Saturday's San Antonio Express-News and Houston Chronicle. But everyone will continue to get their

benefits, he said, as Texas plans to deal with the potential shortfall problem in advance.

Texas had 26,071 initial claims for benefits during the week of Feb. 14, compared with 11,226 initial claims for the same period one year ago.

Texas could obtain an interest-free loan from the federal government to keep the state fund solvent, Pauken said. After that, Texas could issue bonds, with a tax increase on businesses to pay for the financing, he said.

The Texas Association of Business opposes changes to the state's jobless program.

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She turns cameras on American hunger

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
AP National Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP)

An office party goes on without her, across town in an affluent world vastly different from the one where Mariana Chilton now finds herself. Her husband's tried calling. Twice. And still she sits in dress slacks and stocking feet, gray suede shoes tossed aside, on the drab carpet of a row house in the Philadelphia projects, playing with someone else's children while her own three kids wait for Mom to come home.

A mouse scurries by, but Chilton doesn't flinch. She is listening, for the umpteenth time, as another mother speaks about what it means to be poor and hungry in America.

About how this mom scrimps and stretches by using more than the usual amount of water to powdered milk to make it last. And how, at times, she makes chicken for her children but eats Oodles of Noodles herself, because there's just not enough meat to go around. About the \$50 bucks left on the food stamp card that must carry this family two more weeks.

Tianna Gaines is her name. She is 29, black, with twin babies and a toddler, facing eviction because she's \$300 behind on rent.

The government calls circumstances like these "food insecurity." Chilton knows the term well, although she can't personally relate to its consequences. She is 40, white, Harvard-educated, raised on Martha's Vineyard. She lives miles from here, in a nice brick house with a nuclear physicist husband and children who eat three square meals a day.

How she came to be in Gaines' living room, holding her babies and listening to her problems, is a testament to one woman's dogged determination to make a difference.

For years, Chilton directed statistical studies about hunger and food insecurity without hearing the stories of the people behind the statistics, without really recognizing what hunger means here, in her backyard and yours and mine.

And so the researcher decided to help people see what it does mean. Really see.

She doled out digital cameras to inner-city mothers and made them the chroniclers of a plight too often ignored, putting their work before the public and turning their daily lives into a powerful statement on a societal ill.

But her gift, her real gift, was something far more profound.

"Where is one of my favorite photos?"

The eyes, like the woman, are direct and intense as they scan frame

upon frame inside an exhibit hall at Drexel University. The faces of countless children stare back, some smiling brightly. Then Chilton stops at one photograph.

"Let me tell you about this kid." She sighs and reaches out, brushing the glass as if to caress the child herself.

The little girl, 15-16 months old, wears a pink-and-white striped top that swallows her tiny arms and almost completely covers her hands. Her nose is runny, her eyes empty. There is no smile, no sparkle in this child.

Here is not the picture of hunger that Americans are accustomed to seeing. She isn't emaciated, like those living in squalid conditions in famine-stricken countries, nor is her belly distended, like the many children described after touring the Mississippi Delta, Appalachia and other pockets of poverty some 40 years ago.

But she is underweight and malnourished, often fed chips and sugary drinks instead of milk and formula.

"Why," asks Chilton, "do people assume that they know when a child looks hungry?"

The very word, hunger, means something different in 2009 in America. It manifests itself in poor diets lacking in fruits and vegetables, in children who are fed fatty, cheap foods like hot dogs or ramen noodles and may be overweight but also hungry. It shows in a child's health: the flus, colds, stomach aches and headaches, an increase in childhood hospitalizations. In everyday hard choices for mothers and fathers: Buy pampers or formula? Pay the heating bill or fill the fridge?

Even before the economy tanked, nearly 12 million adults and children went hungry in the United States at some point in 2007, a 40 percent increase since 2000, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department.

The number of Americans receiving food stamps reached an all-time high last year, topping 30 million in September, October and November, even though the maximum benefit for a family of four is \$588. It still falls \$78 short of the cheapest possible government-established plan to feed a family that size.

President Barack Obama, whose own mother once received food stamps, has pledged to end childhood hunger; the administration's stimulus package raises food stamp benefits by 14 percent.

What bothers Chilton is that the numbers, startling as they are in a country as rich as this one remains, seem to do little to effect lasting change. And that's

not an easy thing for a number-cruncher to admit.

An epidemiologist, folklorist and assistant professor of health policy at Drexel, Chilton has spent the last five years conducting research on hunger. Her assistants would park themselves in an emergency room, gathering data from low-income mothers whenever a health crisis brought them and their children to the hospital.

They'd ask probing questions: Have you skipped a meal in the last month because there wasn't enough money for food? Did you eat less because there wasn't enough money for food? Did your children have to go an entire day without eating because there wasn't enough money for food?

Sometimes the interviewers provided phone numbers for assistance or shelters. But to Chilton it felt like: "Oh, you're hungry? Thanks. Goodbye."

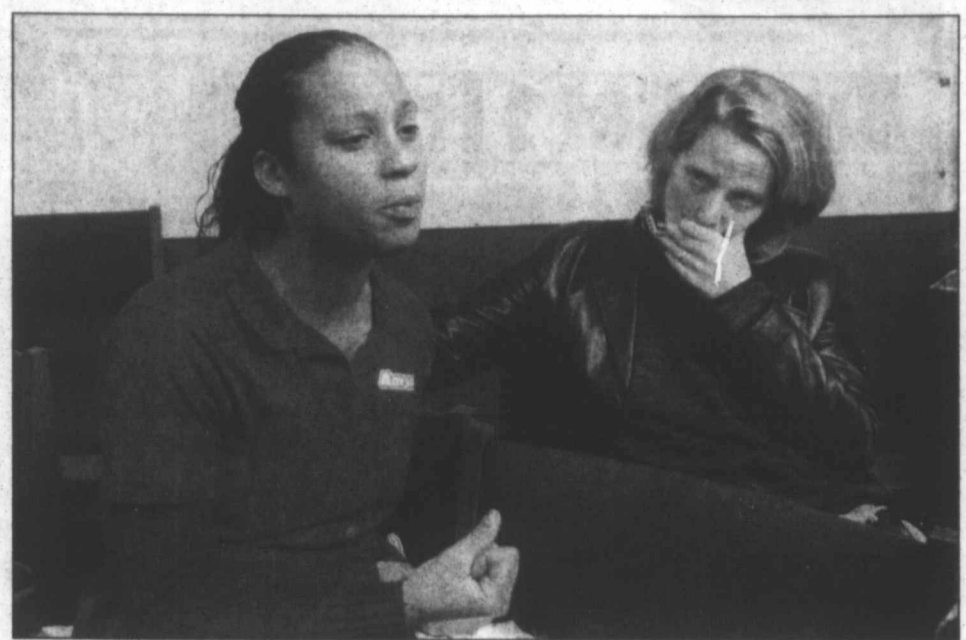
It just wasn't enough. Much of her life had been spent in the field, working to improve health care for Cheyenne Indians in Oklahoma and, before that, in Chile, where she advocated for families whose loved ones disappeared during a harsh dictatorship.

Four years ago, she helped launch a "GROW Clinic" at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia that monitors nutrition in underweight children. And she frequently testifies before Congress about hunger.

But her work left her with a nagging thought: "There's something greater that we could do here."

So when she learned she'd won a \$100,000 award in late 2007, she ignored suggestions that she take a vacation and instead started work on "Witnesses to Hunger." She purchased dozens of digital cameras and distrib-

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Mariana Chilton, right, listens as Barbie Izquierda, 21, cries while talking about her situation while they sit at a salvation army food distribution center in Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008. Izquierda was a participant of the 'Witness To Hunger' photo exhibit in Philadelphia. Mariana Chilton, who for years directed statistical studies about hunger and food insecurity, without hearing the stories of the people that bore the statistics, doled out digital cameras to inner-city mothers and made them the chroniclers of a plight too often ignore. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)

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Supplements company settles lawsuit for \$4 million

DALLAS (AP) — One of the country's largest direct sellers of dietary supplements Thursday agreed to pay consumers \$4 million in restitution to settle a lawsuit filed by the Texas attorney general charging it with making false health claims.

Under terms of the settlement, Mannatech Inc. must distribute the money to anyone in the U.S. who purchased the company's products without participating in its multilevel marketing scheme.

The settlement also requires Sam Caster, the founder of the Coppell-based company, to pay a \$1 million civil penalty, and it bars him from being affiliated with any kind of multilevel marketing program for the next five years. Caster, 58, resigned from the company's board of directors last month and gave up his position as chief executive officer in August 2007.

"Bottom line, this is a warning to the general public: Beware of phony claims of cure-all pills or

false hope in a bottle," Attorney General Greg Abbott said at a news conference.

Mannatech markets its products, known as glyconutrients, as providing the body with sugars that are absent from a normal diet. Abbott's lawsuit, filed in July 2007, contended that the company engaged in deceptive sales practices by selling the products as cures for cancer and other diseases and that Caster hindered efforts to police the scheme.

Among the terms of the settlement are requirements that the company take a variety of corrective actions, most of which were implemented after the suit was filed. The restitution plan calls for Mannatech to notify customers who purchased its products between Sept. 1, 2002 and Aug. 1, 2007 within 15 business days.

Mannatech's current CEO, Wayne Badovinus, said the settlement brings a close to a series of lawsuits that buffeted the publicly traded company for nearly

four years. A year ago, the company agreed to pay \$11 million to settle a class action lawsuit filed by stockholders.

"At this point, the sky is clear," said Badovinus, who joined the company last June. "We feel like we can get back to running our business. For us, this is a positive development."

Although neither the company nor Caster admitted wrongdoing, Abbott said the settlement reins in a business plan that harmed consumers, some of whom likely were persuaded to use Mannatech's supplements as a replacement for traditional medicine.

"I feel it does get to the core of what they were doing," he said. "You can see what's happened to the company. They've lost a lot of money, suffered financial pain."

Mannatech's stock price has dropped 80 percent since Abbott filed suit. It hit a 52-week low of \$1.61 on Nov. 26 and closed Thursday at \$3.13.

In the first nine months

of last year, Mannatech lost \$13.2 million compared to \$10.2 million in profits for the same period of 2007. Sales for those nine months fell 18.3 percent to \$256 million.

The company has laid off

about 100 employees, but it is now at a point where layoffs are no longer needed, Badovinus said.

"The company and the business model are fundamentally healthy," he said. "We're chastened. We've

taken a licking. But we're here, full of fight and ready to compete in the marketplace."

Associated Press writer David Koenig contributed to this report.

Teens face tanning regulation

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Teens across Texas may lose their winter tans under proposed legislation that would require a physician's written consent to use tanning beds.

House Bill 1310 would ban anyone younger than 18 from using a tanning facility without a doctor's note specifying the number of visits. Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, filed the bill because of concerns about skin cancer.

"The studies are pretty clear now that you shouldn't be doing a lot of tanning, so why are we letting minors go to tanning salons?" Solomons said in Friday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

At least 29 states have passed laws restricting teens from tanning salons.

Current state law requires children under 13 to have a physician's consent and anyone 15 or younger to have a parent in the salon while tanning.

The \$5 billion indoor tanning industry opposes restrictions for minors but has worked to educate people on the value of

moderate tanning as a way to prevent a dangerous sunburn, according to Joseph Levy, vice president of the International Smart Tan Network.

Banning minors from tanning salons would lead them to tan more aggressively outdoors and put themselves at risk for sunburn, Levy said.

The American Cancer Society recommends avoiding tanning devices, especially among those under age 18 because up to 80 percent of an individual's lifetime sun exposure occurs during those early years.

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Jacey Baten
Kinley Beyer
Braydon Burrell
Jace Clark
Ashley Cerda
Brenden Courtney
James Davila
Cheyenne Gonzales
Jazmin Guzman
Avery Hoganson
Elle McCracken
Andrew McIntosh
Erica Moreno
Allie O'Brien
Karson Parnell
Jadyn Parsons
Keely Rex
Bethany Roden
Daven Saucier
Maizy True
Jace Ware
Natalie Winborne
3rd Grade
Sidney Armendariz
Dylan Childress
Madelane Cross
Tori Dalton
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Cierra Dittmore
Alexander Karson
Adeline Little
Halie Malone
Logan Martindale
Kaleigh McIntosh
Jared Minyard
Mateo Mosqueda
Adrian Nanez
Jordan Parsons
William Read
Bobbie Robicheaux
Alexander Smith
Kaydan Stidham
Aspen Sullivan
Michael Villarreal
Zane Ward

4th Grade

Sienna Albers
Ethan Brock
Lilith Brown
Christopher Cryer
Garrett Ely
Adisson Hinkle
Bailey Joyce
Anastasia Lemke
John McKay
Jordan Moore
Elaine Nava
Thu Nguyen
Bryson Paronto
Meredith Pooley
Mason Richards
Jarrett Rivera
Ryan Roden
Indy Sullivan
Sarah Sutherland
Brett West
Greyson Wilson
Zachary Wilson

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Lourdes Borunda
Began Brock
Bryson Burrell

Reata Collins
Chase Cree
Kristen Duree
Caden Engle
Cade Ferguson
Gage Greenhouse
Kolton Jefferis
Kassondra Jerome
Benjamin Karson
Kristi Klumeyer
Shelby Langley
Ryan Lee
Destiny Lewis
Mary Grace Little
Tatum Magee
Michael Mechelay
Michael Mojica
Ericka Nanez
Tanner Olsen
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Aubrey Pickrell
Landon Taylor
Jimmy Townson
Dea Vukatana
Cherub Whittington
Solon Wilson

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Sidni Bohn
Jaxon Chaney
Jaxob Ebenkamp
Taylor Greene
Brody Larkin
Ethan Lemke
Jensen Massick
Raymond Mendoza
Nahum Nunez
Hayden Reagan
Jakan Reeves
Dalton Riggs
Keely Williamson

3rd Grade

Fernando Anguiano
Brittney Blakemore
Thomas Costley
Mason Eldridge
Mackenzie Gordon
Destiny Peet
Samanthia Touchstone

4th Grade

Brady Albert
Sean Anstey
Ariel Cambren
Emily DeLoach
Jarrod Groomer
Kade Hood
Noah Leija
Brandy Logan
Derek Norris
Reis Pickrell
Uriel Saenz
Brandon Sieck
Nick Stevens
Josefin Velasquez

5th Grade

Kaitlyn Bruce
Bailee Budd
Evan Free
Weston Hendricks
Sarah Schoenrock
Cecilia Vasquez
Adam Velasquez

Austin Elementary

4th Six Week A Honor Roll 2nd Grade

Jacey Baten
Kinley Beyer
Braydon Burrell
Ashley Cerda
Avery Hoganson
Elle McCracken
Raymond Mendoza
Karson Parnell
Jadyn Parsons
Keely Rex
Dalton Riggs
Bethany Jo Roden
Daven Saucier
Maizy True
Jace Ware
Natalie Winborne

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Sidney Armendariz
Dylan Childress
Madelane Cross
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Cierra Dittmore
Mason Eldridge
Tell Ingersoll
Alexander Karson
Adeline Little
Halie Malone
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Mateo Mosqueda
Adrian Nanez
Jordan Parsons
Destiny Peet
Evan Read
Bobbie Robicheaux
Alexander Smith
Kaydan Stidham
Aspen Sullivan
Michael Villarreal
Zane Ward

4th Grade

Sienna Albers
Sean Anstey
Ethan Brock
Ariel Cambren
Emily DeLoach
Brock Duncan
Brayden Dyson
Garrett Ely
Jarrod Groomer
Adisson Hinkle
Bailey Joyce
Brandy Logan
John McKay
Jordan Moore
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Brandon Sieck
Nick Stevens
Indy Sullivan
Greyson Wilson
Zachary Wilson

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Bryson Burrell
Chase Cree
Kristen Duree
Caden Engle
Cade Ferguson
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Kassondra Jerome
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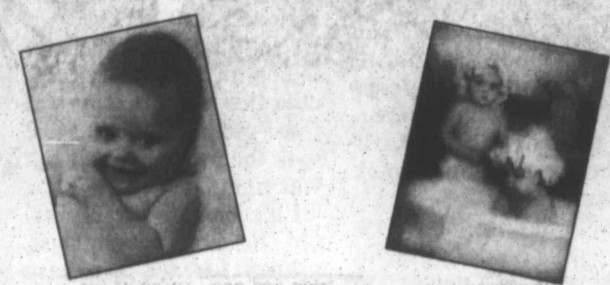


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FEMA sends \$60 million for Ike response

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Governor's Division of Emergency Management is getting \$60 million from FEMA for costs incurred during Hurricane Ike, money Gov. Rick Perry's office has said delayed payments to companies around the country for transportation, portable toilets, shelters and other services.

The grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency are to help pay for 600 evacuee shelters, ambulance staging areas, the National Guard, equipment, buses, food, water, ice and generators, according to U.S.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's office, which announced the FEMA grants Thursday.

Hutchison is challenging Perry in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary.

Perry's office responded by noting how long it took for the federal money to roll in.

"After five months since Hurricane Ike, the State of Texas is pleased that the federal government is reimbursing us for costs associated with this storm," Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said in a prepared statement.

The Associated Press reported this week that 350 companies, local governments and charities were still waiting on a total of \$134 million in unpaid bills for services provided during and after the Sept. 13 hurricane that slammed the Gulf Coast. Many of those vendors said the payment delay was hurting them and they were reluctant to help in a Texas hurricane again.

Perry blamed the delay on FEMA, but lawmakers said the state had the money to pay the bills and seek federal reimbursement.

After the AP reported the

vendors' displeasure, Perry's staff said the delays were "unacceptable."

FEMA has said Texas was responsible for paying for the emergency services, regardless of any pending federal reimbursements. It's not clear when the state submitted invoices from those Hurricane Ike vendors to federal officials.

After tough questioning by lawmakers, Perry and other Texas leaders made state money available Feb. 4 to pay the vendor bills for Ike and two smaller storms last summer. Perry's office contended that the federal govern-

ment should be responsible for \$120 million of that \$134 million. But as of this week, no vendor contacted had been paid.

Among those owed large sums were the Salvation Army, H.E. Butt Grocery Co., Brookshire Brothers, Baptist Child and Family Services and scores of Texas cities, school districts and fire departments and out-of-state bus companies.

The federal money announced for Texas on Thursday also will pay the state for special operations, special needs care and city public works teams sent to communities affected by

the hurricane, Hutchison said.

Some of the money is being paid to the state on a 100-percent federal reimbursement basis, and some it at a 75-percent rate.

"To date, Texas has received over \$1.6 billion in federal funding to aid in Hurricane Ike recovery efforts," Hutchison said in a prepared statement.

Perry's office has repeatedly blamed the federal government for slowness in helping with costs of the hurricane that wrecked Galveston, parts of Houston and neighboring cities and counties.

'Munchkin' actor dies

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP) — Clarence Swensen, who played a Munchkin soldier in the 1939 classic "The Wizard of Oz," has died. He was 91.

Swensen, who was an electronics technician, died Wednesday, according to a Pflugerville funeral home. He had been in poor health since suffering a stroke in 2005, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its online edition Thursday.

Swensen had regularly attended Wizard of Oz festivals. He was among seven of the surviving actors who played the inhabitants of Munchkinland present when the Munchkins received a collective star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2007.

"I feel very honored," Swensen told the Austin American-Statesman before boarding a flight to Los Angeles for that ceremony. "I never thought

we'd get a star."

An Austin native, Swensen wasn't allowed to attend public school until he was 9 years old because of his size. He eventually reached the height of 4 feet 6 inches, the newspaper reported.

In the late 1930s, he joined The Stanley R. Graham All Midget Circus troupe, which performed at the Texas State Fairgrounds in Dallas. It eventually led to an offer from Metro-Goldwyn-

Mayer to play a Munchkin, earning a salary of \$700.

"And we worked hard — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. — but it was fun," Swensen said.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna, three daughters and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services for Swensen were scheduled for Saturday in Pflugerville, according to Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home.

BETTER TOGETHER: What to drink with takeout

By VICTORIA BRETT
For The Associated Press

If dinner is going to be from the drive-thru do yourself a favor and skip the fast food soda fountain. If you're going to take a night off from cooking, you can still put a little thought into what you drink.

BURGERS

A craft root beer or ginger beer is perfect with a cheeseburger, says Dave Del Bene, general manager at Clyde's restaurant in Washington. "A delicious draft root beer is stunning on its own, but with a burger, it makes a pretty good afternoon."

FRIED CHICKEN

Class up the take-out bucket of chicken with refreshing peach and mint shakes. Just boil water and fresh mint and let it steep, advised Food Network star Ingrid Hoffman. Then blend with peaches, vanilla ice cream and ice cubes.

PIZZA

Most people pair beer or an Italian wine with pizza, but a Spanish garnacha (better known as grenache) wine pairs nicely with the herbs in the tomato sauce, says David Snyder, a Philadelphia restaurant critic and wine connoisseur.

MEXICAN FOOD

Try a Sangria Senorial, a nonalcoholic soda made with wine grapes, lemon and cane sugar, with a similar flavor to Sangria wine. Find it at Mexican food markets or online.

PAD THAI

A Latin Bellini with mango is a natural complement to Thai food, says Hoffman. Put mango chunks in a blender and puree until smooth. Add a bit of sparkling wine as needed to blend. Spoon some of the mango puree into flutes, then fill with sparkling wine.

INDIAN FOOD

Snyder suggests a viognier wine because the high acidity and fragrant aroma go well with paneer and curries. To wow guests, Hoffman says whip up a white kiwi sangria; the tropical kiwi goes with the spicy flavors in Indian dishes.

SUSHI

A ginger lime crush, Æi ginger, water, lime juice, sugar and ice cubes combined in a blender, Æi is the perfect compliment to the fresh taste of the raw fish and saltiness of the soy sauce, says Hoffman.

FRIED RICE

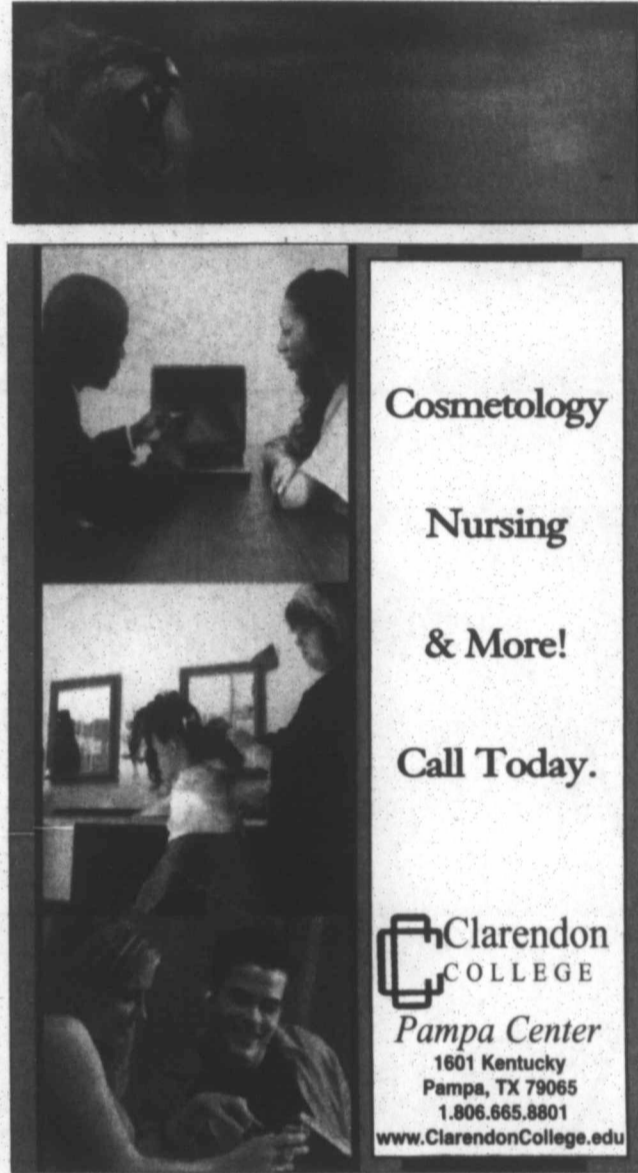
Try pineapple mojitos. The pineapple works well in Asian food, suggests

Hoffman. Using a pestle or the end of a wooden spoon, in a tall glass mash together fresh mint, sugar and lime. Add ice and top off with pineapple juice concentrate, white rum and club soda.

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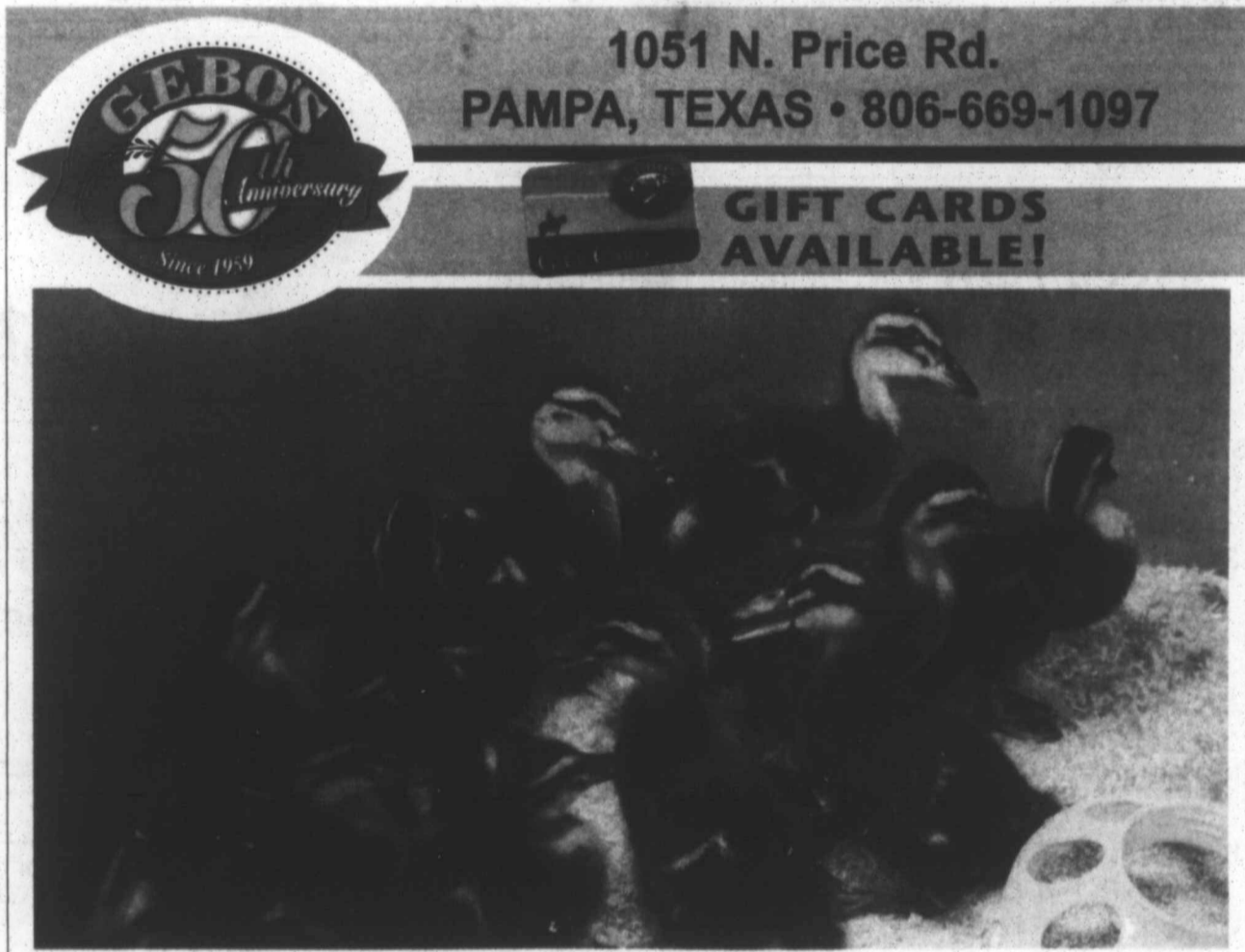
Hoffman recommends a

mandarin orange Champagne cocktail, since the mandarin will complement the beef. In a blender, combine mandarin orange sections, vodka, sparkling wine and lemon sorbet. Puree and enjoy.



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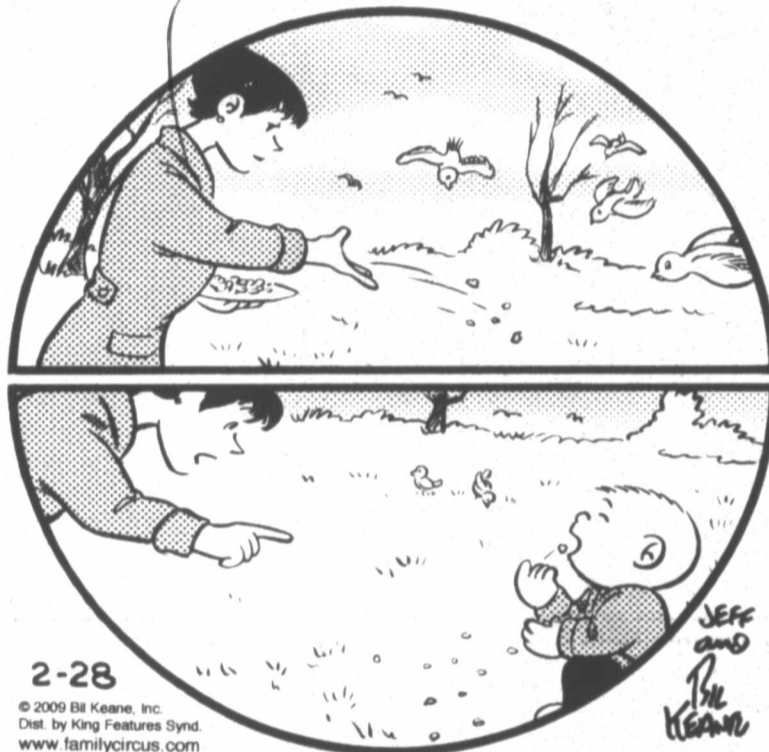
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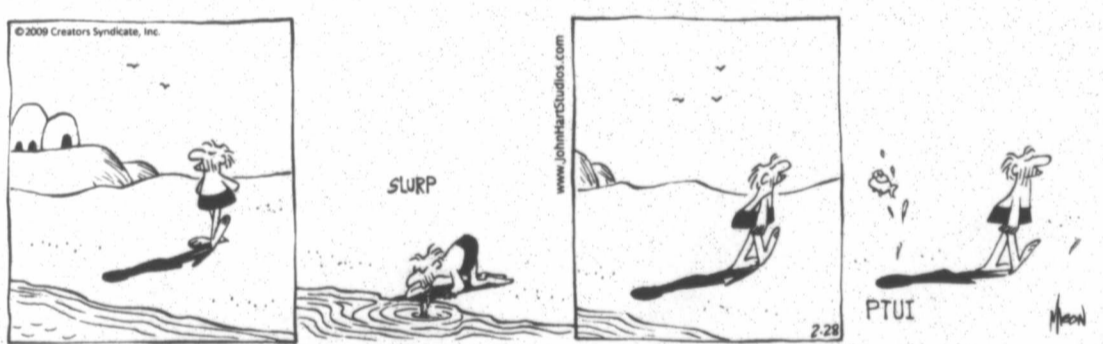
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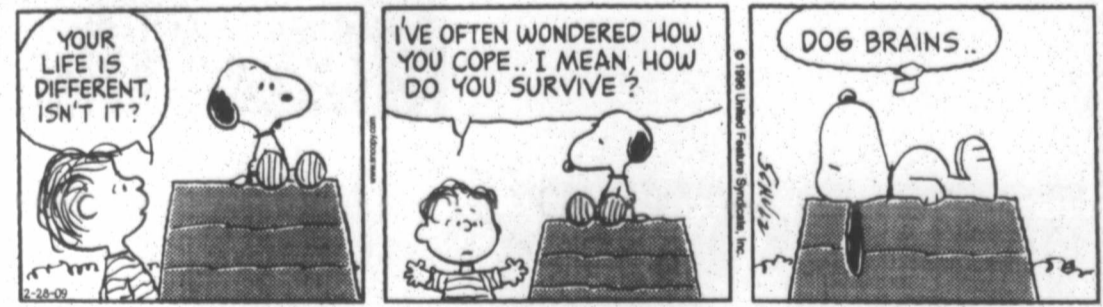
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Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that helps slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of winter rush force household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 8¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By MARK WOODS
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces are being called a miracle because they have what's being called the 'Fireless Flame' patented technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. Now that it's really cold outside, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time to save a lot of money," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-236-6545 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

is free. This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm through the dead of winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 8 cents of electric an hour on the standard setting, the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are turning away all dealers in order to let readers

have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who really want to save a lot of money are surprising the whole family by getting two. So

when lines are busy keep trying or log onto amishfireplaces.com. We promise to get to every call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Milton said.

"You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said. ■

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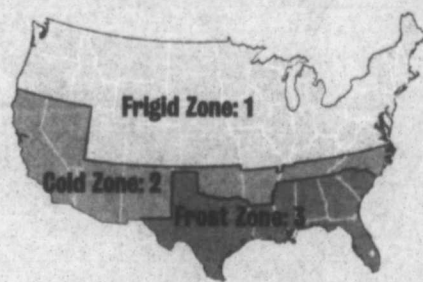
The hi-tech silent heat turbine takes in cold air

How to get 2 free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48-hour order deadline to cover the cost of the Amish made Fireplace Mantle and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heater free.

A strict limit of 2 per household has been imposed. Since some home woodworkers want to build their own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just \$249. Or, with the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

Use the map below to locate the weather zone you live in and call the Hotline number for your zone.



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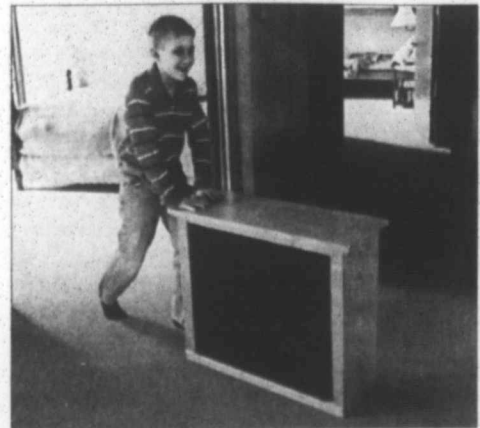
■ **ON THEIR WAY:** Winter rush orders have turned country roads into pipelines to the big city-delivery system. Everybody wants a fireplace that comes fully assembled with a handmade Amish mantle in oak or cherry finish and gets delivered by truck right to your door. All you do is plug it in.

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■ **SAFE FLAME:** The Fireless Flame looks so real it fools everyone but there is no real fire. That makes the flame window safe to the touch under the watchful eye of a parent. It's where the kids will play and the cat and dog will sleep.



■ **FREE:** Get this \$249 miracle heater free. It is being given away free to all who beat the 48-hour order deadline for your choice of the oak or cherry finish Amish Mantles. The free heater comes already encased.

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MARCH 1, 2009

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P1523	2003	Ford F150	White
P1659	2001	Dodge Ram Pickup	Tan
P1938	2002	Dodge Dakota	Silver
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P2095	1998	Toyota Celica	White
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Court: Va. man owns 1776 copy of Declaration

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RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A rare 1776 copy of the Declaration of Independence belongs to a Virginia technology entrepreneur, not the state of Maine, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled Friday.

Richard Adams Jr. of Fairfax County purchased the document from a London book dealer in 2001 for \$475,000. But the state of Maine claimed it belongs to the town of Wiscasset, where it was kept by the town clerk in 1776.

Virginia's high court said that a lower court did not err in its ruling in Adams' favor because Maine didn't prove the document was ever an official town record and that Adams had superior title to the print.

Adams' attorney, Robert K. Richardson, has argued that Wiscasset's town clerk copied the text of the Declaration of Independence into the town's record books on Nov. 10, 1776. It's that transcription, not the document upon which it was based, that is the official town record, Richardson said.

"The fact that the print was not made by an authorized public officer and was not intended to be the official memorial of the Declaration precluded the print from qualifying as a 'public record' under common law," the court said in its ruling.

Adams, who gained fame when he founded UUNet

Technologies Inc., the first commercial Internet service provider, sued to establish title to the document after learning that Maine was trying to get it back. His attorney told the high court last month there's no evidence the document was ever an official record kept by the town of Wiscasset and that Adams is the rightful owner.

Maine Assistant Attorney General Thomas Knowlton argued that Wiscasset never gave up ownership of the document, which is one of about 250 copies printed in 1776 and distributed to towns throughout Massachusetts to be read to residents. Maine was part of Massachusetts at the time.

Maine state archivist David Cheever said he found it "incredible" that the state's rights were trumped by a private collector. Maine contended the document never should have been sold because of a state law which presumes that public documents remain public property unless ownership is expressly relinquished by the government.

"To us, it's a public document. It was then. It is now," Cheever said.

Knowlton said the state strongly disagrees with the decision, but acknowledged that it is the end of the road. There are no federal issues that could be pursued to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The unfortunate result is a public record that we believe rightfully belongs to the people of Maine is now

in the hands of a private collector in Virginia," Knowlton said.

Adams' attorney was in court all day Friday and unavailable for comment.

Whether it was an official record or not, the document apparently was retained by Solomon Holbrook, Wiscasset's town clerk from 1885 until his death in 1929. An estate auctioneer found it in a box of papers in the attic of Holbrook's daughter's home after she died in 1994.

Knowlton said town clerks in those days worked out of their homes — a likely explanation for why the document remained with the family instead of being passed along to the new clerk. Holbrook also was a jeweler.

The document changed hands a couple of times before Adams bought it. Cheever said officials became aware of the print's existence after receiving an anonymous tip and decided to try to get it back because of its historical significance.

Cheever said only 11 of the approximately 250 copies printed by Ezekiel Russell in Salem, Mass., are known to still exist. One that originally belonged to the town of North Yarmouth also was obtained by a private collector but eventually was returned, Cheever said.

Dobson resigns as chairman of Focus on the Family

DENVER (AP) — Conservative evangelical leader James Dobson has resigned as chairman of Focus on the Family but will continue to play a prominent role at the organization he founded more than three decades ago.

Dobson notified the board of his decision Wednesday, and the 950 employees of the Colorado Springs, Colo.-based ministry were informed Friday morning at a monthly worship service, said Jim Daly, the group's president and chief executive officer.

Dobson, 72, will continue to host Focus on the Family's flagship radio program, write a monthly newsletter and speak out on moral issues, Daly said.

Dobson's resignation as board chairman "lessens his administrative burden" and is the latest step in a succession plan, the group said. Dobson began relinquishing control six years ago by stepping down as president and CEO.

"One of the common errors of founder-presidents is to hold to the reins of leadership too long, thereby preventing the next generation from being prepared for executive authority," Dobson said in a statement. "... Though letting go is difficult after three decades of intensive labor, it is the wise thing to do."

While Focus on the Family emphasizes that it devotes most of its resources to offering parenting and marriage advice, it is best known for promoting conservative moral stands in politics.

Dobson, a child psychologist and author, has gotten more involved in politics in recent years. He endorsed Republican John McCain last year after initially saying he would not, and also sharply criticized Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

On political matters, Dobson "will continue to speak out as he always has — a private citizen and not a representative of the organization he founded," said Gary Schneeberger, a Focus on the Family spokesman. He said the nonprofit ministry and Focus on the Family Action — an affiliate set up under a different section of the tax code that permits more political activity — will continue to be active on public policy.

Dobson has a devoted following. His radio broadcast reaches an estimated 1.5 million U.S. listeners daily. Yet critics say his influence is waning, pointing to evangelicals pushing to broaden the movement's agenda beyond abortion, gay marriage and other issues Dobson views as most vital.

"In the short term, in the near term, Dr. Dobson will stay committed to the issues close to his heart," Daly said in an interview. "He'll continue to speak out on those topics."

Daly said there is no timetable for Dobson to leave the radio program, and the group will "look for the next voice for the next generation" while Dobson remains on the air.

That will likely mean not one person behind the microphone but several speaking on their respective areas of expertise, Daly said. The organization, anticipating a post-Dobson era, for several years has tried out different voices on the broadcast and in giving media interviews on hot-button social issues.

At the same time, Focus officials have acknowledged difficulties in raising money from younger families critical to its future. The economy also has hurt. Last fall Focus on the Family eliminated more than 200 staff positions, its largest employee cutbacks ever.

Daly said the group is now "right on track" with a revised annual budget of \$138 million.

Dobson's wife, Shirley, also resigned from the Focus board. The new board chairman is retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Patrick P. Caruana, a longtime board member and a former executive with defense contractor Northrup Grumman.

"I don't see any dramatic departure from what Focus stands for," Caruana said of Dobson's leaving the board. "There are obviously younger people the ministry would like to reach, and we're on track to do that."

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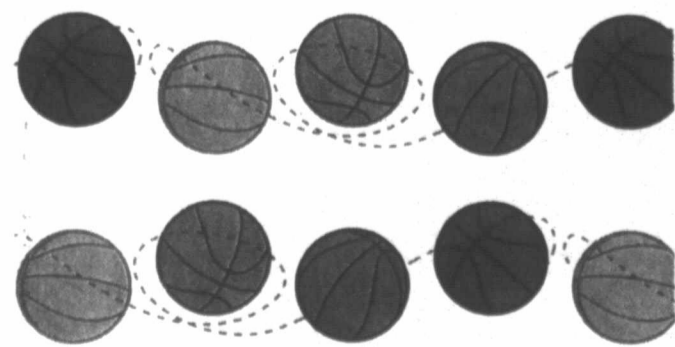
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