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Neef to trek across Texas

by Rachel Stennett
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You won't find 18 year-old swimmer Dustin Neef by a pool this summer, instead he will be attempting to trek across the great state of Texas on his bike.

"I love to be active," Neef said explaining his dipping in many different sports including skiing, swimming, biking, and soccer.

If things work out as planned, Neef plans to ride his bike "from the top of Texas to the bottom" this summer during a 1,000 mile, six day journey.

Although the trip hasn't been set in stone, Neef said that he wants to do this "just to say that I did it."

Understanding the wear that a 1,000 mile trip can take on a bike, Neef said that will need a new bike to handle the distance of the trip, which will include replacement parts for anything that may fall apart on the road.

Neef is also looking into finding someone in his family to follow him on the trip. "This will not be a fun job for that person," Neef said laughing, "but it will be necessary to make the trip happen."

The idea to trek across Texas came to Neef when he was biking to Panhandle and thought biking the state would be an interesting adventure.

Neef has lived in Pampa his entire life. In the past four years at Pampa High School he has been involved on the Varsity Swim Team and on the Varsity Soccer Team for the past year.

At the end of February, Neef travelled to the state swim competition, where he placed 16th in his individual swimming and placed 14th in the relay swim competitions.

Swimming and soccer are Neef's two favorite sports, but he has also competed in a triathlon



Neef

where he placed first in his age group and third overall.

"I'm currently training with my friend, Kimberly Curtis, for a half marathon. I intend on doing more triathlons and hopefully a full marathon someday."

Along with sports, music has also occupied a large part of Neef's high school career. He played the drums in show choir and was a member of the drumline for four years. "I like

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PHS junior accepted as national scholar

by Rachel Stennett
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Pampa High School junior Brooklyn Barker has been accepted into the National Socieity of High School Scholars for her superior academic excellence

Barker has a 3.77 GPA and was nominated for membership by PHS Counselor Starla Kindle.

"Brooklyn is a great girl. She is an outstanding, both academically and athletically," Kindle explained for her reasoning for nominating Barker into NSHSS.

Membership in NHSS will entitle Barker to unique benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, memem-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition, and publicity honors.

NSHSS released information about Barker's acceptance, which is considered a national honor.

"On behalf of HSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Brooklyn Barker has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of

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Barker

SS denies disability to double amputee

by Rachel Stennett
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Karl Crow has one leg, one arm, and no disability, or so the government says.

His right leg was severed above the knee and his right arm severed at about the elbow in a train accident 16 years ago.

Crow was trying to put his life together by establishing credit and buying a car, a letter came in the mail that informed him that he would no longer be eligible for any disability.

"I'm just trying to do the right

things and life keeps throwing me road blocks," he said.

Crow's Social Security disability check was his sole source of income. He lives with a friend, and gets around the best he can.

Crow went to see a doctor for a medical exam as part of Social Security's requirements.

Regulations state that a doctor will not take part in deciding whether a person is disabled, but they will send a report of the exam to the state agency.

The agency then reviews the report and the case, and makes a

decision on the applicant's disability.

According to Crow, a doctor out of Amarillo said he was competent to function as a regular citizen, and work to supplement his own income. The doctor's report also said Crow's amputation is below the knee. It is actually above the knee, which makes balance more difficult.

"(The doctor) said I could get around and that I was fine and didn't need help. Just because my stumps are healed doesn't mean I'm fine. If I had to walk home

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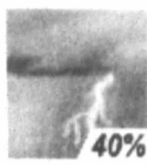
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Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Man arrested in fatal Dallas roadrage shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Police arrested a 21-year-old man in the shooting death of a Dallas woman as she waited outside a downtown nightclub for a valet to return with her car, authorities said Friday.

Alejandro Espinoza faces a murder charge in the death of Jessica Waldron, 24, last month. Investigators say the shooting happened in a fit of road rage and Waldron was not the intended target.

Espinoza was being held in the Dallas County Jail on Friday in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

Soon after leaving a downtown club with a friend in a pickup truck, Espinoza was involved in a minor accident with another car that failed to stop. His friend told police that Espinoza pulled out a gun and fired at the fleeing car.

Waldron, who was

standing in a crowd, was struck in the lower back. She was taken to a Dallas hospital where she later died.

"She was just standing there minding her own business," Dallas police homicide Lt. Craig Miller told The Dallas Morning News. "It's just a tragic loss of a life and so much potential."

Police say Espinoza didn't realize the bullet had killed someone until two days later. Authorities got a tip from a person responding to a \$10,000 reward offered by Schepps Dairy and arrested Espinoza on Thursday. It was unclear if he had an attorney.

Investigators say they recovered Espinoza's gun, a semiautomatic pistol that ballistics tests show fired the bullet that killed Waldron.

For the record

Obituaries

Tommie Dene Swindle, 77

Pampa, Texas — Tommie Dene Swindle, 77, died April 10, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 13, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jimmie Cole, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Swindle was born November 4, 1931 in Cooke County, Texas. He married Janie Faye Burns on May 22, 1951 in Henrietta, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa

since 1952. Tommie was a mechanic for Glo Valve for 37 years. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Swindle of the home; two sons: Tommy Swindle of Pampa, and Donald Swindle and wife Sherry of Hope, Arkansas; daughter: Phyllis Fleetwood and husband Charles of Pampa; brother: Clarence Swindle of Pampa; sister: Floy Graham of Killeen; six grandchildren: Jack Fleetwood and wife Lauren of Round Rock, Chris Swindle of Canyon, Stacy Swindle of Gypsum, Colorado, Chuck

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Fleetwood of Oklahoma, Ashley Swindle of the home, and Travis Swindle and wife Jessica of Fort Lewis, Washington; two great-grandchildren: Dianna Plant and Megan Fleetwood, both of Round Rock; daughter-in-law: Donna Swindle of Henrietta. Tommie was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Swindle in 1985.

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Former drug cartel leader sent back to Mexico

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A former top lieutenant in Mexico's Gulf Cartel was deported to Mexico on Friday morning, U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement officials said.

Jose Manuel Garza Rendon, 56, was released from the Reeves County Detention Center in Pecos on Tuesday after serving a nearly nine-year federal prison sentence for a drug conviction. He was immediately taken into ICE Custody.

Friday morning he was handed over at the border to authorities in Ciudad Juarez, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso. ICE officials said Garza is wanted in Mexico on charges of organized crime, attempted murder, and possessing firearms used exclusively by the Mexican army.

ICE officials said Cardenas and nine others are named in the Mexican warrant charging Garza.

Mexican federal police arrested Garza when he entered the country, Mexico's Attorney General's Office said in a statement. The statement

also confirmed the charges he faces in Mexico. Garza is believed to be headed to a Mexico City prison.

Garza was indicted by a U.S. grand jury in 2000 along with 11 other cartel leaders, including purported boss Osiel Cardenas Guillen.

Garza turned himself in to U.S. authorities in South Texas in 2001 and court records show he made a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy with intent to distribute marijuana. The charge stemmed from a failed attempt to collect on a load of nearly a ton of marijuana delivered to Houston.

It is unclear from the records if Garza gave federal agents any useful information about his associates.

Cardenas, Garza's one-time boss, was extradited to the U.S. last year and is expected to stand trial on drug and other charges later this year in Houston.

The Gulf Cartel is considered one of the most violent and ruthless drug organizations in Mexico.

Lee Morgan, a retired

customs agents who spent much of his career investigating Mexican cartels, said Garza is likely to be targeted by the cartel while in a Mexican prison.

"History is probably going to repeat itself and he's probably looking at the worst of circumstances," Morgan said,

adding that cartels have a history of killing informants and rivals inside Mexico's prisons. "I doubt very seriously that he's going to survive. They can reach out to him in a Mexican prison almost as easily as they can reach out to him on a Mexican street."

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Double amputee not disabled?

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ty before.
"It is incomprehensible that for the past 16 years I have been legally considered disabled, legally and factually, and all of the sudden, I'm OK. I am not OK! If anything, I'm worse," Crow wrote in a letter of appeal to the state Social Security office.

The state Social Security office, located in Austin, said in the letter of explanation that Crow had been denied because he could work and perform other functions with the use of prosthetic limbs.

"Even though you are (partially) missing an arm, you still can use prostheses, and you can still walk," Grice said interrupting the letter that was sent to Crow.

Grice said that it didn't matter that Crow had been granted social security just five years before, and his physical condition had not changed. "They interpret the medical records and go by the current situation. Being approved five years ago doesn't mean anything for your current situation."

The explanation of determination given to Crow stated that "your condition is not severe enough to keep you from working." The explanation also said that, "your current symptoms are not severe enough to be considered disabling. The amputation site is well healed, and you can

use your prosthesis. You are able to walk without help... your daily activities are not significantly affected. The evidence does not show any other health problems that cause significant limitations."

The explanation did say if the conditioned worsened, Crow could file another application. It did not list any possible job alternatives for Crow.

Crow received a check for disability for the month of April, but after that he is on his own, although he will be seeking an appeal for the decision.

According to the Social Security Administration website, applicants can appeal the decision in writing or through their website. Someone may be chosen to represent the applicant, like a lawyer or person knowledgeable in the procedure.

The reconsideration is a complete review of applicant's claim, by someone who had no part in the first decision. That person will then look at all the evidence used to make the original decision, plus any new evidence.

In his application for appeal, Crow said that the judgement of his condition was wrong. He is not able to work.

"I am certainly unable to maintain the rigors of gainful employment," Crow wrote. "Even a desk job would be inappropriate due to my difficulty

with sitting for extended periods of time. Please reconsider your decision."

If an decision is made against disability after an appeal, other appeal steps can be made including a hearing, an appeals council review, and federal court review.

"I can't get over the absurdity of this whole thing, that I'm having to go through all of this," Crow said about the appeal process.

His disability was disrupted due to incarceration, but he had been placed back on temporary disability after his release, pending examination, since late December.

Crow was raised in Amarillo and said he moved to Pampa for a fresh start.

"I was trying to do something with the remainder of my life. I was starting from scratch, just trying to build a new life."

Crow had recently signed up for a two-year phone plan agreement to establish credit. He said after this month, without disability, he will not be able to afford it and will have to cancel the contract. Crow had also bought a car for \$500 and agreed to make \$100 payments every month until paid off.

"I was expecting to carry my share, now I don't know how I can do that."

Doctor in baby murder case stands by autopsy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The doctor whose bungled autopsy of a baby led to a murder charge that was dropped this week against an Alabama mother maintains the findings were correct, the medical examiner's lawyer said Friday.

Six different experts disagreed with the autopsy report by Dr. Corinne Stern, who ruled that a newborn was suffocated in 2006. The experts' opinion that the baby boy was stillborn led a judge to dismiss the charge Thursday against Bridget Lee, 34, who spent nine months in jail after being charged with capital murder.

Jay Lewis, who represented Stern in a lawsuit she filed after leaving Alabama to work in Laredo, Texas, said Stern believes her original autopsy report was correct.

"She stands by her findings," Lewis said.

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Neef to take summer trek

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all kinds of music, just look at my iPod. I have classical to rap to hard core jazz to techno. Literally everything, even some celtic," he said.

When not competing in high school activities, Neef spends enjoys being an Eagle Scout. "Boy Scouts has opened many opportunities for me and I have experienced some really cool things." Among his list of favorite activities with the boy scouts are rock climbing, back packing, and canoeing in Canada.

Neef also other unique opportunities with his family like ski diving

and scuba diving. As a birthday gift, Neef's sister Tiffani paid for Neef to go ski diving, which had been a dream of his for many years.

"(I was) blown away," Neef said about his experience with ski diving. "It was one of the coolest things I have ever done," he said.

Neef also goes on scuba diving trips with his family. "Both my mom and dad are certified," he explained. "My sister was certified at 12, so naturally I became a certified diver when I was 10." Neef has also had unique travel opportunities, which

have included tips to the Bahamas, Honduras, and Jamaica.

After graduating high school in May, Neef plans to take his athleticism to the next degree and become a college swimmer. After receiving basic education at a college, he plans to further — study marine biology and afterward get a job at sea world and become a whale trainer.

"It would be the greatest job ever! I would get to play with Shamu all day every day," he said smiling.

Barker named national scholar

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academic excellence," National Honor Society, Class Nobel said in the release. Nobel is a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes. "Brooklyn Barker is now a member of a unique community of scholars — a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

Barker's excellence is shown in her high GPA, but also through her active volunteerism within the community. Through her membership with the

National Honor Society, Barker has volunteered at the Special Olympics and the Vietnam Travelling Tribute Wall, which was in Pampa in November. Barker also has volunteered with seasonal events including the Celebration of Lights, and the Children's Shopping Tour, sponsored by the Optimist Club.

For her curricular activities, Barker is enrolled in AP classes, sings in the concert choir, and also

plays softball for PHS.

Lori Barker, Brooklyn's mother, said Barker comes from a "long line of Pampanos." Both of her parents were PHS graduates, and her brother, a PHS graduate, was also a NSHSS member.

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— Archer County — 20,000 acres, 75 percent contained, three structures destroyed.

— Eastland County — 7,000+ acres, 25 percent contained, towns of Cisco and Eastland are threatened.

— Wichita County — 4,500 acres, 75 percent contained, 800 residences and a nursing home evacuated, two homes and one large commercial building lost.

— Stephens County — 3,200 acres, 70 percent contained.

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Pampa High School
 April 14 • Student Body Elections
 April 14 • Jr. Ring Ceremony
 April 15 & 16 • Choir UIL Contest
 April 15-18 • FCCLA State
 April 16-20 • Band Trip
 April 17 • Report Cards
 April 18 • Choir Production "Grease" • 7:30 p.m.
 April 19 • Choir Production "Grease" • 2:00 p.m.

Pampa Junior High School
 April 14 • Family Game Night • 6:00 p.m. • Computer Lab
 April 16 • Band UIL Concert & Sight Reading • Canyon
 April 17 • Report Cards

Austin Elementary
 April 16 • Report Card Day

Lamar Elementary
 April 14 • Kid's Café • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Travis Elementary
 April 16 • 5th Grade Alibates Flint Quarries • Lake Meredith
 April 17 • Awards Assembly • 8:15 a.m.

Wilson
 April 13 • Kid's Café • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 April 14 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • Library
 April 17 • Kindergarten Field Trip • Discovery Center

April 16 - School Board Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net
From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Easter Sunday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2009. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces bombarded Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

On this date:

In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1877, the catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game, by James Tyng of Harvard in a game against the Lynn Live Oaks.

In 1908, fire devastated the city of Chelsea, Mass.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald was first published in book form by Charles Scribner's Sons after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

"Rules are not necessarily sacred, principles are."

— President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

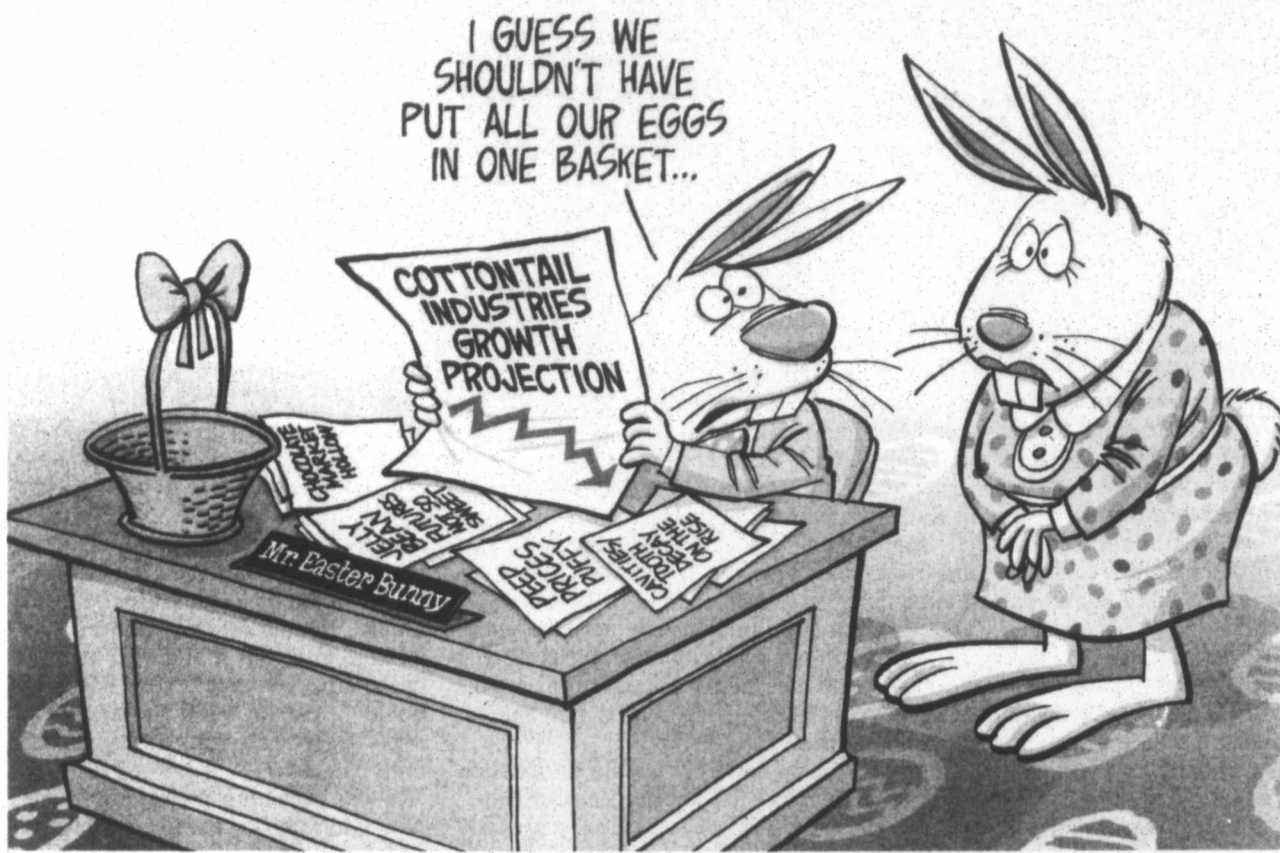
In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on its first test flight.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor.

In 1989, former boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, Calif., at age 67; radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Pa., at age 52.

Ten years ago: U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright cited President Bill Clinton for contempt of court, concluding that the president had lied about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky in a deposition in the Paula Jones case. A jury in Little Rock, Ark., acquitted Susan McDougal of obstructing Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's Whitewater inquiry and deadlocked on two other charges, causing a mistrial.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Withers is 83. Actor Charles Napier is 73. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 69. Rock singer John Kay is 65. Actor Ed O'Neill is 63. Author Tom Clancy is 62. Actor Dan Lauria is 62. Talk show host David Letterman is 62. Singer David Cassidy is 59. Actor-playwright Tom Noonan is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer JD Nicholas is 57. Singer Pat Travers is 55. Actor Andy Garcia is 53. Country singer Vince Gill is 52. Country singer Deryl Dodd is 45. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) is 45. Actress Alicia Coppola is 41. Rock singer Nicholas Hexum (311) is 39. Actor Nicholas Brendon is 38. Actress Shannen Doherty is 38. Actress Marley Shelton is 35. Actress Jordana Spiro is 32. Rock musician Guy Berryman (Coldplay) is 31. Actress Claire Danes is 30. Actress Jennifer Morrison is 30. Rock singer-musician Brendon Urie (Panic at the Disco) is 22. Actress Saoirse Ronan ("Atonement") is 15.



Happy Easter

By Martha Randolph Carr

Easter is here and thank goodness. An annual reminder that there is more good peeking just around the corner if we're willing to keep putting one foot in front of the other. Kind of like a really good Easter egg hunt when I was a kid in downtown Philadelphia.

I had no idea when I set out with an empty basket how many of the brightly painted eggs I'd find but I ran headlong down the sidewalk anyway. I believed there were at least a few out there with my name on them and I couldn't wait to see what they looked like.

Remember how it felt as a child to set out on faith and somewhere among the roots of trees and tucked behind flower pots find a few small treasures. Okay, breathe in and feel how wonderful it was to have your small action pay off.

Now, everyone who's exhausted from all of the economic problems they've been facing please raise your hands. It's felt like an interminable squeeze around our wallets and our patience till we thought we might pop. Admit that you've wondered if there really is an end to all of it. Maybe this is what life looks like from here on out.

That philosophy can only keep

working if we're willing to overlook all of the good that has come into our lives as well. It's possible to still appreciate all of it if we can let go of the frustration and relax into the moment.

Every year on Easter my three older sisters, younger brother and myself would each get a small Del Monte flip top can filled with dirt and tomato seeds. The instructions on the side said to water the seeds until they sprouted small, thin green stalks. Then prune them back to only a few so that the remaining ones would have a better chance of survival.

I could never do it because I always wanted to see what would happen if I gave them all a chance. I always replanted them a little early, gingerly pulling them apart and lovingly watching over them every day to see if all of them would survive. It was a dicey proposition in the cold, spring ground but I couldn't be deterred. I had what some might refer to as a sketchy childhood and it was tough for me to not give everything an opportunity to thrive.

Lo and behold, without fail every year every last one of those plants, sometimes as many as 12 would grow tall and bear fruit. Naysayers pointed out that my tomatoes weren't

as big as everyone else's but it was okay with me because once again, the idea that faith pays off was played out in a little patch of dirt. I had a bounty of tomatoes that have never been matched.

So, this past year has been a little tough for all of us because we had an idea of how things ought to go and our plans took a hard left turn. A few people have even started to tell you to prune your dreams down to a more manageable size so that any of them have a better chance of surviving and bearing fruit. However, there is another way but it may require us all to keep going on faith and coming together to help each other. It will at the very least require you to keep moving forward with gratitude and that's where this holiday can help out.

Thank goodness Easter keeps coming back with the reminder that we are loved beyond words and not setting out on the journey alone.

Martha Randolph Carr's latest book, *A Place to Call Home, a memoir about the reemergence of U.S. orphanages is available wherever books are sold. If you'd like Martha to come and speak to your group* <http://www.newvoicespeakers.com>

Pirates put Obama in 21st-century bind

WASHINGTON (AP) — A ragtag band of pirates has put President Barack Obama in a bind: He commands overwhelming firepower in the form of a growing flotilla of U.S. warships, but he doesn't want to use it.

Thursday's decision to turn to FBI hostage negotiators showed Obama reaching for all of his limited options in the high-seas hostage drama. Negotiators in the United States were communicating with the pirates through a Navy destroyer that shadowed the small lifeboat where four pirates held American cargo ship captain Richard Phillips.

The president wasn't saying a word about the situation in public, though he dispatched aides to reassure the nation that their government was pressing to free Phillips.

"These people are nothing more than criminals and we are bringing to bear a number of our assets, including naval and FBI, in order to resolve the hostage situation and bring the pirates to justice," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said while Obama remained silent for a second day.

"Piracy may be a centuries-old problem but we are working to bring an appropriate 21st-century response," Clinton said.

That modern-day response included more warships, a remnant of 20th-century U.S. exceptionalism, as well as high-tech surveillance

planes buzzing above the crisis waters.

In private, however, U.S. officials acknowledged there were way too few to counter a rising scourge of piracy along the lawless Somali coast.

Even as more Navy ships, including the guided-missile frigate USS Halyburton, arrive near the Horn of Africa, there will be fewer than two dozen international warships patrolling an area nearly five times the size of Texas.

"It's a big area and you can't be everywhere at once," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Thursday.

The Obama administration is also considering changes to an international anti-piracy partnership proposed by the Bush administration in its last weeks.

Outside advisers have recommended expanding the task force mandate to hunt pirate "mother ships" far from shore. These non-descript larger vessels shelter the small speed-boats that pirates usually use to quickly close on a commercial ship and scramble aboard.

"We are looking for ways to increase the effectiveness of what we are doing," Clinton said.

The top U.N. envoy for Somalia, in Washington for previously scheduled talks, said the piracy problem cannot be resolved until proper governance is restored in the country.

"This problem is at sea, but the root causes are on land," Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah said. He urged U.N. Security Council members to urgently revisit rampant insecurity and instability in Somalia, which has not had a functioning government since 1991.

"We go after rogue states, why not anarchic states?" he said.

The International Maritime Bureau and the International Maritime Organization said attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia more than doubled from 2007 to 2008.

In 2007 there were 263 attacks worldwide with 41 occurring in the Gulf of Aden or the east coast of Somalia. In 2008, there were 293 attacks worldwide, 111 of them in the Gulf of Aden or Somalia's east coast.

Over \$30 million was paid in ransoms in 2008 alone. The average ransom per successfully hijacked ship is between \$1 and \$2 million.

U.S. military and coun-

terterrorism officials are scrutinizing the brazen hijackings for any links to al-Qaida or other militant groups operating in East Africa.

So far, they see no direct connection between Somali pirates looking for a fast buck and the Islamic extremists looking to attack America or her allies.

But informal links are there, mired in Somalia's complex and combative clans, where a man can be a pirate one day and traffic in weapons another.

"I don't see direct connections," Army Gen. William "Kip" Ward said. "But, again, if you look at the clan structure, the tribes, it's hard to think there may not be linkages probably is a bit naive."

Ward, who heads the Pentagon's Africa Command, said that in a volatile country like Somalia, it is difficult to tell who is a pirate, who is connected to a terrorist group and who is simply a fisherman, until someone is caught in a criminal act.

We welcome your letters

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Around town

WEEKLY MENUS

Pampa Meals on Wheels

Monday, April 13

Barbeque
Potato Salad
Baked beans
Pudding

Tuesday, April 14

Hamloaf
Hominy Casserole
Zucchini/Tomatoes
Pineapple

Wednesday, April 15

Chicken nuggets
Baked potatoes
Peas/Carrots
Peaches

Thursday, April 16

Shepherd's Pie
Pickled Beets
Corn
jello

Friday, April 17

Baked chicken
Sweet potatoes
Peas
Applesauce

Pampa Senior Citizens

Monday... Chicken fried steak or chicken & dumpling
Mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Red velvet cake or chocolate pie
Hot rolls or cornbread

Tuesday... Baked tilapia filets/rice or hamburger steak
Steak fries, California blend, corn, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Ugly duckling cake or cherry cobbler
Hot rolls or cornbread

Wednesday... Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice
Mashed potatoes, green beans, fried squash, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Coconut creme cake or blueberry creme pie
Hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday... Chicken strips or taco salad
Sour creme potatoes, hominy, turnip greens, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Strawberry cake or bread pudding
Hot rolls or cornbread

Friday... Catfish and hushpuppies or beef tips/noodles
Potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Devilsfood, cake, or tapioca cups
Garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, or cornbread

Pampa ISD Menu

Monday

Popcorn chicken or pizza
Whipped potatoes with gravy
Corn
Mixed fruit

Tuesday

Hot roll
Breakfast: French toast sticks
Breakfast for lunch or chicken nuggets
Potato rounds
Rosie applesauce

Wednesday

Biscuit
Breakfast:
Blueberry
Pancake n sausage on a stick

Thursday

Ravioli or chef salad
Green beans
Cheesy potatoes
Fresh fruit
Garlic toast

Friday

Breakfast: breakfast pizza
Steak fingers or cheese nachos
Western beans
Broccoli florets
Peaches

Briarwood Kid's Cafe

April 16

Chicken spaghetti
English peas
Salad
Dessert
Drink

April 14

Meatloaf
Corn
Salad
Dessert
Drink

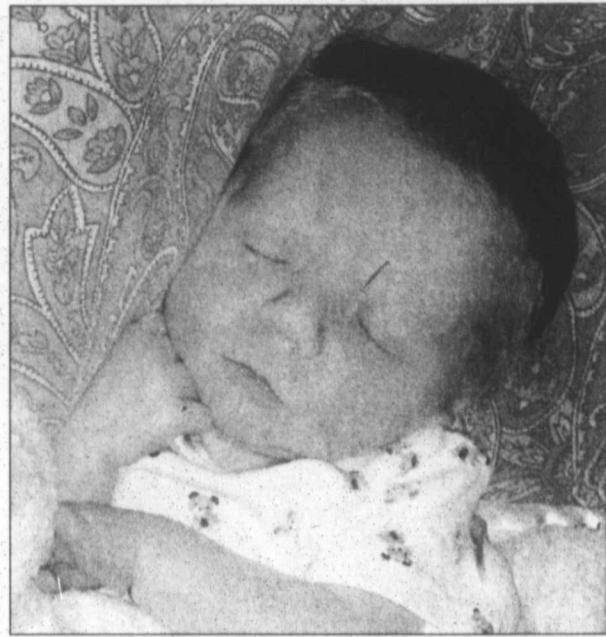
Southside Senior Citizens Center

Tuesday Luncheon April 14

Pork Lion
Greens
Sweet Potato
Corn Bread
Cake

Mason Scott Porterfield

Mason Scott Porterfield was born to Jeff and Teddi Porterfield at 7:47 a.m. on February 11, 2009 at Pampa Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. Mason is welcomed by his older brother, Jayston Porterfield, of Pampa, Granny Diane Fulton, of Amarillo, Grandmom Joyce and Grandad David Porterfield, of Pampa.



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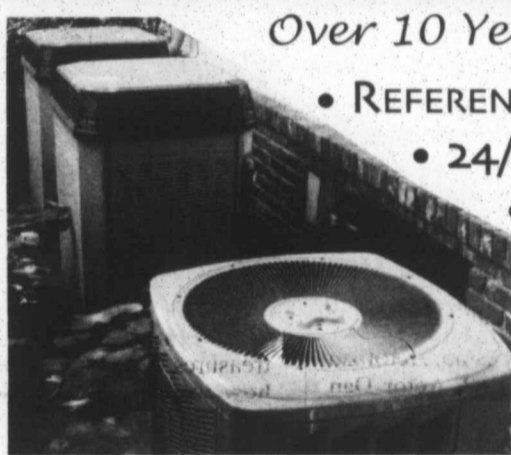
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Preceptor Theta Iota Club

Ann Franklin, president, presided. Nancy Blogdin, recording secretary, called roll and read minutes of previous minutes of previous meeting, which were approved as read. Janice Hubbard, treasurer gave treasurer reports. Correspondence from International: Order of Rose certificates were received for Nita Hill and Pat Kindel. Committee reports were heard: card was sent

to Chumby Leonard. A couples social was March 17 at 6:30 p.m., at First Christian Church. Founders Day will be April 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Club. The hostess was Janice Hubbard. The program was given by Janice Hubbard on her Caribbean Cruise. The next meeting will be at April 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Nancy Blogdin's residence.

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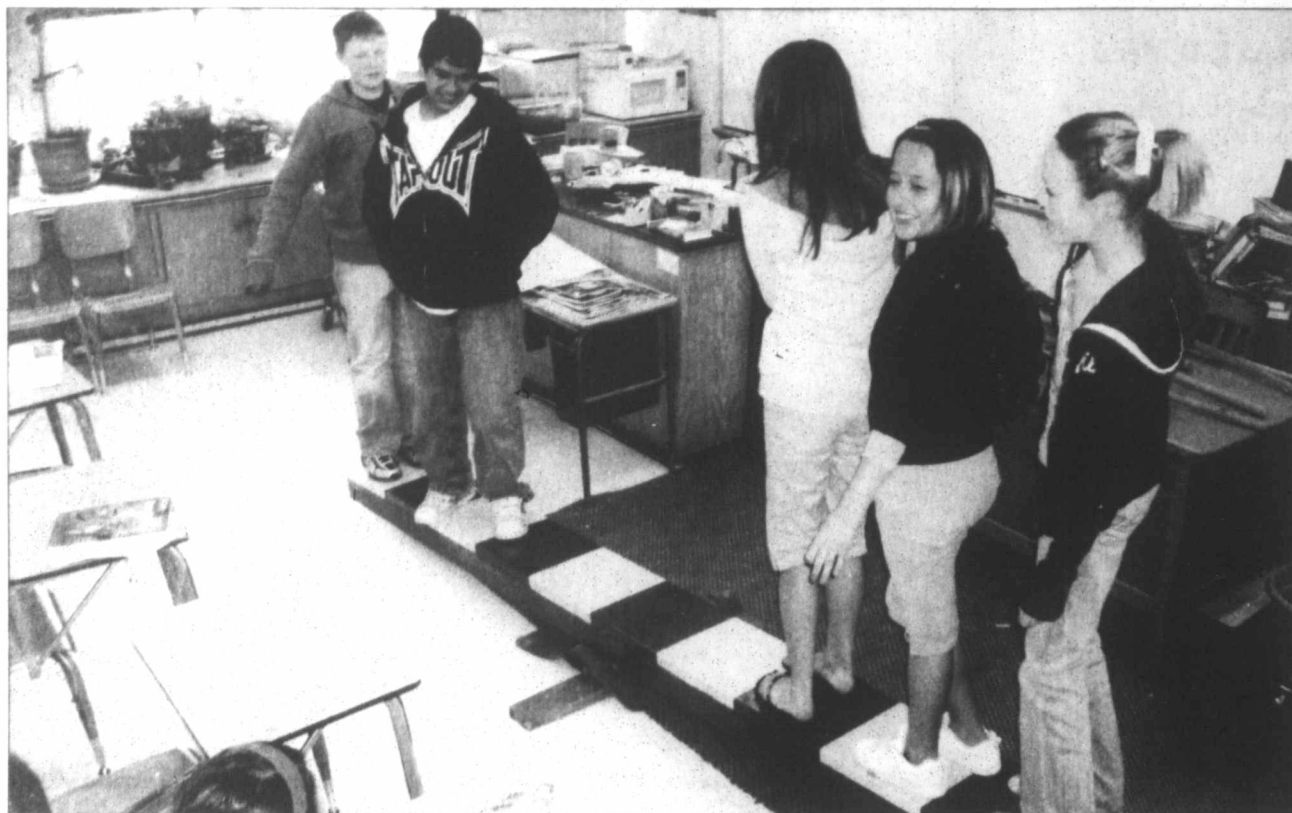
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Around town

APPLIED SCIENCE



Pampa Junior High students in Larry Hannah's science class demonstrate the use of levers and how moving the fulcrum decreases the effort needed to lift a heavy object. Pictured are Taylor Smith, Cinthia Lara, Taylor Giles, Rey Martinez and Matthew Porter.

Hidden Hills results

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble	B. Epperson J. Davis
April 8, 2009	
First-60	Fourth-62
J. Brashears	G. McCabe
M. Allison	B. Millican
M. Frye	J. Gentry
G. Owens	
Second-61	Fifth-64
P. Montoya	H. Knutson
H. Wells	B. Swope
J. Ashford	C. Byrum
J. Richardson	J. Jensen
Third-62	Closest to Pin #8
R.D. Stephens	Buddy Briley
J. Cantrell	Closest to Pink #12
	John Gentry

Gov. Perry Backs resolution affirming Texas' sovereignty

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today joined state Rep. Brandon Creighton and sponsors of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 50 in support of states' rights under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"I believe that our federal government has become oppressive in its size, its intrusion into the lives of our citizens, and its interference with the affairs of our state," Gov.

Perry said. "That is why I am here today to express my unwavering support for efforts all across our country to reaffirm the states' rights affirmed by the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I believe that returning to the letter and spirit of the U.S. Constitution and its essential 10th Amendment will free our state from undue regulations, and ultimately strengthen our Union."

A number of recent federal proposals are not within the scope of the federal government's constitutionally designated powers and impede the states' right to govern themselves. HCR 50 affirms that Texas claims sovereignty under the 10th Amendment over all powers not otherwise granted to the federal government.

It also designates that all compulsory federal

legislation that requires states to comply under threat of civil or criminal penalties, or that requires states to pass legislation or lose federal funding, be prohibited or repealed.

HCR 50 is authored by Representatives Brandon Creighton, Leo Berman, Bryan Hughes, Dan Gattis and Ryan Guillen.

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Top O' Texas Republican women meeting notes

Minutes for the Top O' Texas Republican Women Meeting March 18, 2009

President Evelyn Rutherford called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM. Seven members were present.

The President reported the following on illness within the club: Leigh Anne Poole will be having surgery, Jan Allen was ill, we needed to ask about Scott Hahn's health, and Lynn Switzer had developed a cold.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Leigh Anne Poole was absent so the President gave the Treasurer's report. Full Report attached. Current

Balance is \$894.58. Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The President shared some news she had received on Legislative issues.

Lynn Switzer gave a report for the Bylaw Committee. Lynn reported that the Bylaws are being reviewed for updates, and will soon be handed over to the membership for approval. Lynn also told the members she was aware that the revisions would have to be given to the State office before full enforcement of the new set of bylaws could be put into place.

The President asked for a volunteer to prepare

the thank you notes, and the invitations. Janie Shed volunteered to handle this job for the club.

The President suggested having a bake sale as the annual fund raiser. Evelyn told the membership she would go to Walmart and see what was involved in having the bake sale on sight. Evelyn would announce the official date for the bake sale soon.

The President offered to check into inviting Mr. Michael Williams to attend one of our local meetings.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Program seeking host families for students

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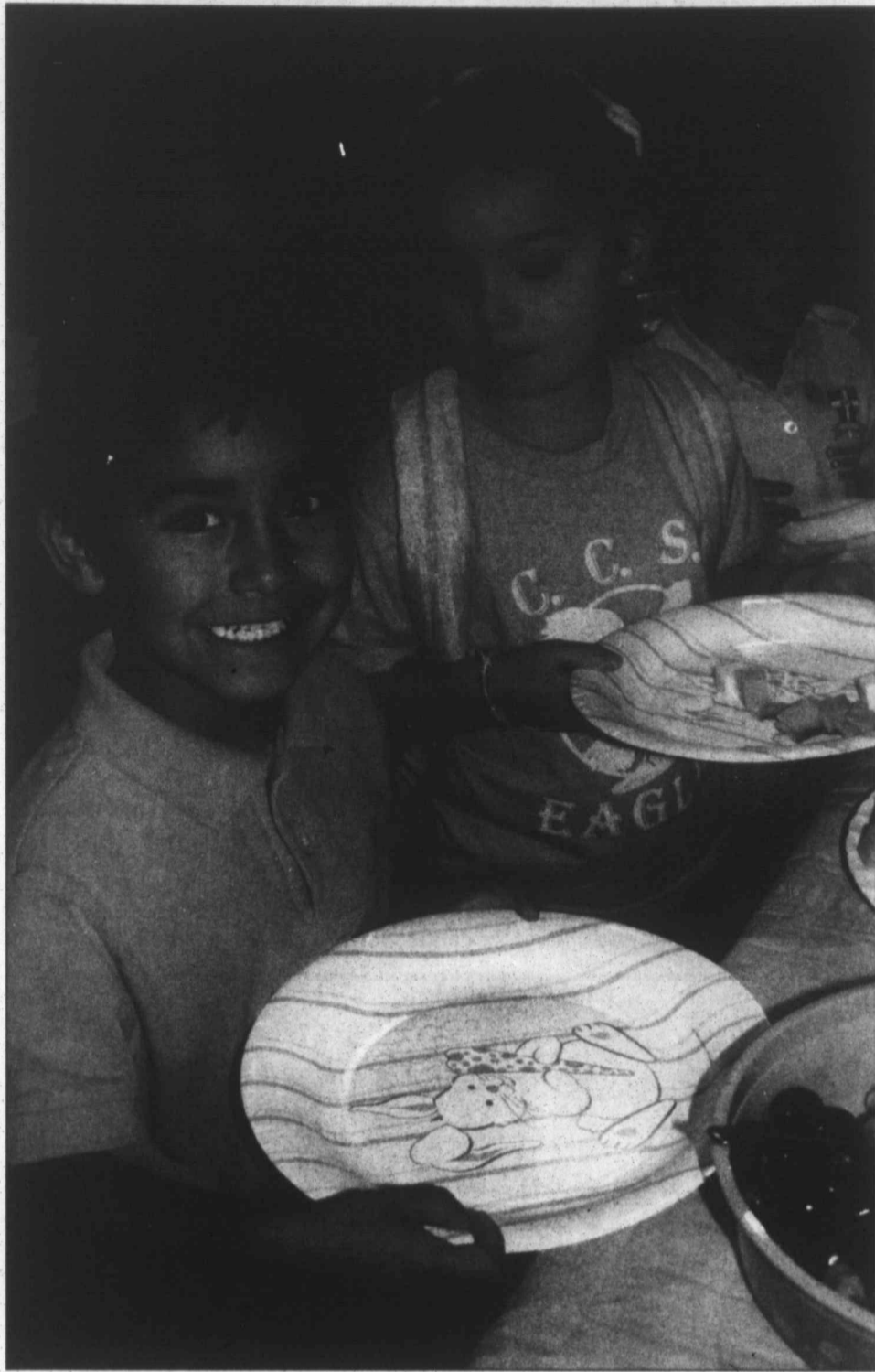
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Nora Guthrie to speak about her father's music

CANYON — Woody Guthrie's daughter will headline a symposium about the legendary folk singer, who got his start in Pampa.

Nora Guthrie and her daughter, Anna Canoni, will be at the Plains Panhandle Museum in Canyon beginning Friday, April 17, for the Woody Guthrie.

Nora Guthrie will present "This Land is Your Land," a talk about her father's music from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

There will be a concert from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday featuring the music of Jimmy LaFave with special guest Joel Raphael. At 5:30 p.m., Nora Guthrie will give another lecture entitled "Bound for Glory" about her

father's life. Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. there will be a concert featuring Pampa's Josh Paulson, Amarillo's Andy Chase, James Davis, Cody Jasper and The Prairie Dogs.

There will be a film screening of "A Man in the Sand" at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, followed by a conversation with Nora Guthrie, sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Series Committee and the Guest Artist Series Committee funded by the students at West Texas A&M University.

Born in Oklahoma, Woody Guthrie lived in Pampa in the 1930s where he learned to play the guitar and organized his first band.

Co-creator of Dungeons & Dragons dies at 61

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Dave Arneson, one of the co-creators of the Dungeons & Dragons fantasy game and a pioneer of role-playing entertainment, died after a two-year battle with cancer, his family said Thursday. He was 61.

Arneson's daughter, Malia Weinhagen of Maplewood, said her father died peacefully Tuesday in hospice care in St. Paul.

Arneson and Gary Gygax developed Dungeons & Dragons in 1974 using medieval characters and mythical creatures. The game known for its oddly shaped dice became a hit, particularly among teenage boys. It eventually was turned into video games, books and movies. Gygax died in March 2008.

"The biggest thing about my dad's world is he wanted people to have fun in life," Weinhagen said. "I think we get distracted by the everyday things you have to do in life and we forget to enjoy life and have fun. "But my dad never did," she said. "He just wanted people to have fun." Dungeons & Dragons

players create fictional characters and carry out their adventures with the help of complicated rules. The quintessential geek pastime, it spawned copycat games and later inspired a whole genre of computer games that's still growing in popularity.

"(Arneson) developed many of the fundamental ideas of role-playing: that each player controls just one hero, that heroes gain power through adventures, and that personality is as important as combat prowess," according to a statement from Wizards of the Coast, a subsidiary of Hasbro, Inc. that produces Dungeons & Dragons.

Blackmoor, a game Arneson was developing before D&D, was the "first-ever role-playing campaign and the prototype for all (role-playing game) campaigns since," the company said.

Arneson and Gygax were dedicated tabletop wargamers who recreated historical battles with painted miniature armies and fleets. They met in 1969 at a convention, and their first collaboration, along with Mike Carr, was a set of rules for sailing-ship battles called "Don't

Give Up the Ship!" In later years, Dave published other role-playing games and started his own game-publishing company and computer game company. He also taught classes in game design. He was inducted into the Academy of Adventure Gaming Arts and Design Hall of Fame in 1984.

Weinhagen said her father enjoyed teaching game design at Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla., in recent years, where he taught students to make a solid set of rules for their games.

"He said if you have a good foundation and a good set of rules, people would play the game again," Weinhagen said. Arneson is survived by Weinhagen and two grandchildren. A public memorial service was planned April 20, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Bradshaw Funeral Home in St. Paul.

Search of tornado-hit city finds no new casualties

MENA, Ark. (AP) — A tornado that swept through this mountain community killed three people and injured at least 30 others, authorities said Friday after concluding a house-to-house search.

Polk County Sheriff Mike Oglesby told The Associated Press that searchers found no new victims during their search of Mena and the surrounding area, and he said there were no reports of missing persons.

The twister descended quickly on Mena shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday after a series of siren blasts warned residents of tornadoes in the area.

Daylight exposed a community ripped apart. Century-old pecan trees leaned into homes — some with pink insulation strung from their branches. Along

some streets, roofs had collapsed into homes. On other streets, roofs were simply gone.

"It just looks like a war zone," Mayor George McKee said.

Thurman Allen, 79, said his charitable group, the Order of the Eastern Star, had just sat down for its twice-monthly meeting at the Masonic lodge when the last siren sounded.

"I was down on the floor — I just flattened," Allen said.

One woman was killed by falling debris — her body recovered after emergency workers cut part of the roof away.

Elsewhere in town, Marion Boyt, 76, said he survived after rushing into a small closet with his son and daughter-in-law.

"I guess we got skinny because we were so

scared," he said.

Boyt said one of those killed died when the roof of a two-story home collapsed.

The body of the third person killed was found in her front yard, county's emergency coordinator James Reeves said. Authorities have not released the names of those killed pending notification of their families.

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Lady Harvester Carlyn Tiechmann, 2, is mobbed by teammates after hitting a grand slam home run during the Pampa-Randall softball game.
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Miniature horse trains as guide for blind Muslim woman

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Seeing-eye dogs are a nonstarter among many Muslims who consider the animals unclean, but a horse the size of a dog just might work.

"This is a really awesome little horse," Mona Ramouni said this week as she put Cali, a 3-year-old miniature horse, through her paces and rode the bus to work with her for the first time.

Ramouni lost her sight to retinopathy — damage to the retina — that is a frequent side effect of premature birth. Until now, she has relied on her family to guide her around the Detroit suburbs where she's lived, studied and worked for all of her 28 years.

Ramouni, a proofreader of textbooks in Braille, wanted more independence, but a traditional

guide dog wasn't an option. She's an observant Sunni Muslim and respects her Jordanian-born parents' aversion to having a dog in the home where she lives along with three of her six siblings.

The answer, she hopes, is Cali, short for Mexicali Rose. The former show horse stands about 2 1/2 feet tall and weighs about 125 pounds.

"I want a horse that will be a partner for the next 30 or so years. ... What I really want is to be able to take her places and go places with her that neither of us ever would have been able to do without each other," Ramouni said.

While most Muslims believe dogs can violate ritual purity, horses are seen as "regal animals," says Dawud Walid, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic

Relations' Michigan chapter.

Still, "there would be concerns about bringing a horse into certain establishments and areas of worship as well," he said.

There are only a handful of the miniature animals trained as guides for the blind in the United States. Cali's trainer, Dolores Arste, knows of five others. Ramouni paid for the horse, \$450 a month for Arste's training and other expenses out of her savings.

Since Ramouni had never used a dog, she had to learn how to control a guide animal. She was partially successful at training a pet dwarf bunny named Baylea — "she does come when I call her," Ramouni says — and has worked hard with Cali.

"I've never met a young woman with so much dedi-

cation," Arste says.

Arste trained Cali partly in Hatfield, Ark., and partly in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., teaching the horse how to get in and out of vehicles, guide through crowds and stand still indoors.

Cali first came to Dearborn in December, but her three-day trip this week was a more important test. Ramouni took on responsibility for caring for the animal as Cali led her through her daily routine.

"You're a good girl, you're OK, you're OK," Ramouni said softly, stroking Cali as they rode the bus together Thursday morning to K&R Braille Transcribing in nearby Lincoln Park.

"It's made (Ramouni) so much more empowered," said fellow proofreader Kelli Finger, 28, of Allen Park. She said Cali has gotten along well with the

guide dogs in the office, including her own 9-year-old black Labrador.

Additional training may take an additional two months before Cali can join Ramouni for good, taking up residence in a newly erected shed on Ramouni's lawn.

"Taking on a horse as a guide is a huge commitment, same as a dog but with more physical needs," Arste, 61, says. "It is not a novelty. It is a real working animal."

The horses can live into their 30s, more than twice as long as most dogs, Arste says.

Ramouni says having Cali as a guide opens up new opportunities, but the U.S. government may soon tighten the definition of a guide animal under the Americans with Disabilities Act to exclude farm creatures such as

horses.

The new ADA regulations are under review and final language will be issued later this year, according to Justice Department spokesman Alejandro Miyar.

In the meantime, Ramouni said she hopes to pursue a doctorate in child psychology at the university's main campus in Ann Arbor.

The benefits go beyond the practical, she says.

Before Cali, "I had basically given up. I mean, I had been to the point where I thought, 'I'm going to get nothing out of my life,'" Ramouni said. "And having Cali ... showed me that I had forgotten about all the optimism I had as a kid. When I was a kid, I thought I could do anything. I thought everything was possible."

Water monitor eyes farm runoff in Gulf of Mexico

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A clean water expert at Auburn University hopes a new project that enlists middle and high school students will help reduce farm runoff that is a growing pollution threat to the Gulf of Mexico.

Bill Deutsch said colleagues in Veracruz, Mexico, are partners in the three-year effort to monitor water flowing into the Gulf.

Deutsch said his federally funded, \$300,000 project will also help livestock producers in Alabama and in Veracruz develop management practices that can limit Gulf pollution, such as buffer zones and other methods of keeping livestock contaminants away from streams.

"You have got to start with some level of awareness," said Deutsch, a researcher in Auburn's Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures.

Deutsch co-founded and manages the Alabama Water Watch program and is director of Auburn-based Global Water Watch, which coordinates a worldwide network of community-based water monitoring groups.

Deutsch said at least 20 middle and high school students and community groups in both Alabama and Veracruz will become certified in water monitoring to participate in the project. He said they will take water samples on a regular basis from streams feeding the Gulf, using portable test kits.

Deutsch said researchers will look at bacteria counts and other elements to determine whether a stream is getting better or worse. If a stream is polluted, they will attempt to trace that pollution back to its source.

He said the project, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is also "trying to get 'uplanders,' including livestock farmers, teachers and citizen water monitors, more aware of how nutrients come to the Gulf from great distances, and that land-use management makes a big difference."

Their target is agricultural runoff that drains from Gulf states and as far away as the U.S. Midwest, where the vast Mississippi River Basin is home to about half the nation's farms. Nitrogen and phosphorus pollutants

from the farms end up on a huge scale in the Gulf, where one result is an 8,000-square-mile aquatic "dead zone" that forms annually off the Louisiana and Texas coasts.

U.S. Geological Survey research hydrologist Dale M. Robertson of Middleton, Wis., said agriculture isn't the only cause. Flooding and sewage treatment plants in urban areas also contribute to the dead zone.

"You can't just go after agriculture. It's a full suite of things," he said.

But there's mounting evidence that the mandated push to increase corn production — one of the most fertilizer-intensive crops for making ethanol — worsens water-quality problems within the states and in the Gulf, according to environmentalists.

Matt Rota, water resources director for the New Orleans-based Gulf Restoration Network, describes the dead zone as a "major national environmental problem" that will require more federal dollars for conservation programs.

Livestock farms already use federally approved techniques to prevent runoff because when manure is applied to farm fields as fertilizer, there is a potential for the waste to contaminate nearby waters.

Deutsch recommends a well-maintained stream-side buffer zone of vegetation in pastures and near other livestock-holding facilities as a primary way to catch nutrients, sediment and pathogens before they get to the stream.

Other recommendations include use of alternative watering sites, fencing in key areas, and choosing the right kinds and mixes of pasture grass and other vegetation to reduce fertilizer use and guard against erosion.

Among Gulf states, Alabama alone has about 1 million head of cattle and produces more than a billion broiler chickens — all generating waste. Veracruz has an estimated 5 million head of cattle, 1.2 million hogs and 600,000 goats as well as a large number of trout farms using fertilizer.

Workshops and site visits will be held in both Alabama and Veracruz to emphasize the use of best management practices for water quality and on-farm water monitoring.



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Applique an easy way to make old clothes fun

JENNIFER FORKER
For The Associated
Press

How does a Midwestern gal, born and raised, end up crafting clothes with a sea-creature theme?

Jessica Plymate, 34, loves to put sharks, squid and jellyfish on the applique apparel she creates and sells in her vintage clothing and toy store, Aorta, in downtown Lincoln, Neb.

An applique "has to have a somewhat basic shape that is still really recognizable without putting a lot of details into it," she said. "Things with tentacles work."

Plymate also sells her creations at Etsy, an online marketplace for handcrafted goods.

A former painter, she came by her current creative niche after deciding that the art show circuit didn't suit her more introverted personality.

"I can remember thinking, 'I hate this.' I'm not very good at the schmoozing that goes on at those shows," she said. "That's the last time I painted anything."

About six years ago, she took her drawing in a new direction, combining it with her sewing skills and a love of vintage clothing. She tossed in some John Waters-inspired design elements to personalize her work. Waters is the idiosyncratic filmmaker, perhaps best known for the original "Hairspray."

"When you watch a John Waters movie, they're dressed tacky," said Plymate. "Not all of my stuff comes across tacky, but it's definitely in my nature to make things over the top."



She laughed that some folks have called her work "cutesie," and noted that none of the faces in her designs smile, "I ever.

"They're not that cute," said Plymate. "Cutesie is not me."

While Plymate is a perfectionist with her craft, stressing over minor details, she tries not to take herself too seriously. She wants her applique clothes to make people smile, even laugh.

"Some people take themselves seriously with how they dress, and I just don't

do that at all," she said.

For those who'd like to try their hand at applique, Plymate suggests starting with a simple motif, such as an apple, sewn onto a skirt.

"Every woman has a skirt in her closet that she doesn't wear," she said. "You don't have to sew on vintage clothing."

The key to a professional-looking job, she said, is to use interfacing, which strengthens the applique and negates pinning, which can pucker the fabric.

Appliqued Apple on a Skirt

Supplies:
Pencil
Paper
Scissors

Iron-on interfacing (such as Heat n Bond Lite Fusible Web)

4 colors of fabric and coordinating thread

Iron
Sewing machine
Skirt

Assembly:

1. Draw an apple with eight parts: the main shape, stem, leaf, an inside, partial cross-section and three seeds. When drawing, keep in mind that the final applique will be a reverse image of your drawing.

2. Preheat iron to a setting appropriate for your fabrics (generally, "cotton" or lower).

3. Trace each apple part separately on the paper side of your interfacing. Leave at least 1/2 inch of room between each shape.

4. Cut out each shape, leaving about 1/8 inch of space between your cutting lines and your pencil lines. DO NOT cut along your traced lines. The seeds can be left as a group on the same piece of interfacing.

5. Iron each piece of interfacing, paper side up, to the wrong side of their corresponding fabric (example: stem on brown fabric, leaf on green). Hold the iron on the interfacing until it bonds to the fabric, approximately 2 to 3 seconds. Leave the interfacing paper on the fabric.

6. Carefully cut out each piece of the applique along your traced lines. Once each piece is cut out, you can peel away the paper backing.

7. Iron each piece of the applique to your skirt one at a time, starting with the biggest. Place fabric interface-side down on your skirt in the desired spot. Gently press, holding the iron on the applique for about 10 seconds, until the fabric is bonded to the skirt. (Bonding times will vary depending on the weight of the fabric.) Do this with the rest of your apple pieces.

8. Machine stitch each piece of fabric with a straight stitch about 1/8 centimeter from the applique edges. If loosely woven fabrics are used, a small zigzag stitch is recommended.

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Sports

LADIES HOT AT HOME



Lady Harvester Kelby Doughty, 8, slides safely into second during the Pampa-Palo Duro softball game Thursday afternoon in Pampa. The Lady Harvesters won 11-1.

staff photo by David Bowser

PHS thumps Palo Duro

On a spring afternoon with a stiff cross wind blowing across the diamond, the Lady Harvesters shortened the game with the 10-run rule in the sixth inning to win over the Lady Dons of Palo Duro 11-1.

The Lady Dons got only three hits off Pampa pitcher Carlyn Teichmann Thursday afternoon and were able to get only one run in six innings.

The Lady Harvesters got 11 runs off 10 hits.

The first two innings were scoreless.

Kelby Doughty stole home in the third to put the Lady Harvesters on the scoreboard.

Sammie Pearson and Teichmann scored in the fourth inning with a sacrifice by Libby Dyson.

Pampa bats exploded in the fifth with five runs. Doughty singled, stole second and then came home on a single by Ashley Facio. Facio came home on a single by Shelbie Watson. Pearson singled and with one out and two on, Teichmann came to the plate to send one over the center field fence for three more runs.

Callie Preston doubled in the sixth, stole third and came home on a sacrifice by Kamie Doughty.

Kelby Doughty walked, stole second and moved to third on a double by Facio. A double by Watson drove Doughty and Facio home.

Palo Duro's lone run came in the fifth. The Lady Harvesters go back on the road Tuesday, playing Dumas in Dumas at 5 p.m.

The junior varsity plays Dumas in Dumas at 5 p.m. Monday.

Horse breeder charged with cruelty

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A prominent thoroughbred breeder who once owned a Kentucky Derby favorite was charged Friday with cruelty to animals, two days after authorities seized 177 malnourished horses at his Hudson Valley farm.

Ernie Paragallo was charged with 22 counts of violating New York's Agriculture and Markets law that prohibits torturing or injuring an animal or failing to provide sustenance, New York state police dispatcher Terri Gallagher said.

After Paragallo's arrest, New York State Racing and Wagering Board chairman John Sabini released a statement saying the board had "immediately terminated his privilege to be involved with thoroughbred racing in New York."

The 51-year-old Paragallo was arraigned

before Coxsackie Town Justice Thomas Fori and sent to the Greene County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 bond bail.

He did not immediately return a message left on his cell phone after his arrest.

Paragallo, the owner of 1996 Derby favorite and fifth-place finisher Unbridled's Song, was arrested after driving upstate from his Long Island home to be questioned by investigators about the malnourished horses found Wednesday on his Center Brook farm. The farm is in Greene County, 20 miles south of Albany.

"It wasn't knowing neglect," Paragallo told The Associated Press. "Did I try and harm any of those horses? Absolutely not. Did some of them come up skinny? Absolutely. Was it mismanagement? Absolutely. I'm not shying

away from it. But I didn't abuse them."

State police and animal protection organizations seized the horses at his upstate farm. Veterinarians examined the animals and found all of them to be in varying stages of malnutrition.

The horses remain on the farm under the supervision of the Columbia Greene Humane Society, which has brought in hay and grain for them. Paragallo agreed Friday to transfer ownership of 67 of the horses to the humane society for future adoption.

Ron Perez, president of the humane society, said that in addition to being malnourished, many of the

horses were infested with internal and external parasites, suffering from untreated lacerations, and in need of hoof care. He said broodmares were kept in stalls without proper bedding.

"This is a sad situation for the animals," Perez said. "The way he let them go is absolutely unconscionable."

Paragallo blamed the horses' conditions on miscalculations in the amount of feed and hay purchased for the farm over the winter.

"We probably underfed them the amount of feed they were supposed to get," he said.

Tigers 15, Rangers 2

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera heaped pressure on his broad shoulders early last year, trying to live up to his \$152 million deal with the Detroit Tigers while adjusting to the AL.

After starting slowly, Cabrera finished strongly and led the league in homers.

Now, he's picking up where he left off. Cabrera hit a grand slam for his third homer in five games and matched his career high with six RBIs, leading Detroit over the Texas Rangers 15-2 Friday in its home opener.

"I feel more comfortable," he said. "Last year, I had a lot of adjustments to make with a new league and new pitchers. Now, I know what I'm doing."

He hit 37 home runs last year and had a career-high 127 RBIs after Detroit acquired him and made him one of the richest athletes in the world.

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Sage grouse suit targets grazing, drilling

SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press Writer
RENO, Nev. (AP)—
Conservationists say federal rules that allow livestock grazing and oil and gas development across 25 million acres of public land in the West are illegal because they fail to acknowledge the harm being done to sage grouse.

A lawsuit recently filed in federal court accuses the Bureau of Land Management of violating two major environmental laws and its own regulations by allowing commercial activities to continue on those lands in Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and California.

But in a switch in strategy, the environmentalists aren't asking a judge to immediately halt those operations. They want to talk, and they think they may have a willing listener in the new Obama administration.

"What we are after is finding a way to do things differently than in the past and better manage these public lands into the future," said Laird Lucas, a lawyer for the Western Watersheds Project, which filed the suit.

"The next 20 years are going to be really critical, not just for sage grouse, but for the whole sagebrush ecosystem," he said. "Getting an injunction that creates a crisis in the short term doesn't really serve that role."

Since taking office, President Obama has distanced himself from several Bush administration policies on the environment and suspended some administrative orders Bush signed in the waning days of his term that could lead to the easing of protections for threatened wildlife on federal land.

The change in administrations prompted the new approach from the Idaho-based environmental group that has spent much of the past eight years in court battling land use rules adopted by the BLM and Forest Service under the Bush administration.

"The Obama White House has a very strong

and public commitment to applying science-based decision-making for natural resource issues," said Jon Marvel, the group's director.

"We want to show the Obama administration the misdeeds of the Bush administration in the hope they will understand and be interested in correcting those," he said.

Kendra Barkoff, press secretary for Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, said Friday "we are in the preliminary stages of litigation and as a result can't comment."

Ranchers and drillers said the suit is part of an effort to keep livestock, energy development and other commercial activities off an area of the West bigger than the state of Indiana.

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association and the

Petroleum Association of Wyoming have joined the government in seeking to dismiss the suit. A hearing on one of those motions is scheduled in Boise on April 16.

"They are trying to tie up 25 million acres and close it down to livestock operators altogether," said Ronald Opsahl, a lawyer for the Mountain States Legal Foundation, which represents the two Wyoming groups.

"As far as the scope of this case, it has to be unprecedented," he said. "I've never seen one lawsuit challenge 18 resource management plans in six states."

So far, Justice Department lawyers representing the BLM, have restricted their legal arguments primarily to matters of jurisdiction. Deborah Ferguson, assistant U.S. attorney for Idaho, said each of the 18 plans being challenged should be handled separately in U.S. courts in each of the six states.

The focus of the lawsuit is a chicken-sized game bird, mottled brown, black and white, found on sagebrush plains and high desert from Colorado to California and into southern Canada. The government estimates as many as 16 million sage grouse inhabited the West in the

early 1800s when they were first observed by Lewis and Clark. Today their numbers have dwindled as low as 100,000, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service census in 2005.

Wildfires, development and industry have cut steadily into their habitat, now estimated to be about half of what it once was when the birds ranged from Kansas to Washington and into the Dakotas.

North Dakota's sage grouse population is limited to the far southwestern corner of the state, in Golden Valley, Slope and Bowman counties. A record-low number of male sage grouse in breeding grounds prompted biologists to close last fall's hunting season.

At issue in the lawsuit is the BLM's National Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy. The agency adopted it in 2004 as an interim plan to help protect the bird and guide management of federal rangeland while the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considered whether to protect the sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act, a move ex-Interior Secretary Gale Norton predicted would have a more significant economic impact on the West than did the listing of the northern spotted owl in the early 1990s.

The wildlife service determined in 2005 not to list the sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species, but a federal judge overturned the decision.

Responding to a suit filed by the Western Watersheds Project, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill in Boise ruled in December 2007 that the wildlife service's decision had been tainted by political pressure from an assistant Interior Department secretary who since has resigned. Winmill will preside over the current lawsuit.

While the wildlife service is expected to deliver a new decision on whether to protect the bird this year, the BLM already considers the sage grouse a "sensitive"

species.

Therefore, the suit contends, the agency must treat it as if it is protected and make sure it takes no action that could push the bird closer to a federal listing. Environmentalists note the agency already has banned grazing on 220,000 acres of southern Nevada where the threatened desert tortoise lives.

The lawsuit alleges BLM violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Policy Management Act by failing to consider the cumulative impact of the 18 individual resource plans on the sage grouse.

The lawsuit said the BLM refused to consider whether the lands in question are capable of sustaining livestock grazing without causing environmental harm or whether grazing remains a legal suitable use of the lands.

It says the agency also did not weigh the effects of dramatic increases in wildfires, invasive weeds and drought in recent years.

BLM "acted in shocking disregard of the specific sage grouse conservation strategy that BLM itself adopted," the lawsuit said. It added the existing plans "will certainly drive sage grouse closer to extinction."

Agency officials disagree.

"BLM does consider impacts to sage grouse in land use plans," said Jolynn Worley, a spokeswoman for BLM in Nevada. She said the agency does not comment on pending litigation.

Dan Gralian, president of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, said the Western Watersheds Project claims to be interested in

restoring rangeland but its primary agenda is to get livestock off public lands.

"We cattle and sheep ranchers work hard to manage both our private and public lands for its

livestock, wildlife and environmental values and we find such attacks by radical environmental groups counterproductive," he said.

Bernalillo County lands solar project

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)— A Texas company plans a solar panel manufacturing plant west of Albuquerque that eventually could employ 1,000 people.

Solar Array Ventures Inc., a startup company, announced the Bernalillo County plant Thursday and said it would relocate its headquarters from Austin to the Albuquerque area, the Albuquerque Journal reported in a copyright story Friday.

The factory — the company's first — should be producing panels by late 2010, said Solar Array's chief financial officer, Everett Rogers.

He expects construction to begin late this summer. The company plans to invest \$210 million in the initial phase, and would hire about 225 full-time employees with a payroll of \$12 million in its first year. It could have 1,000 employees in five years.

Solar Array is the fourth solar manufacturing venture planned, under construction or operating in New Mexico, joining Schott Solar, Advent Solar and Signet Solar.

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Publisher to release new batch of Vonnegut stories

NEW YORK (AP)— A posthumous collection of short stories by Kurt Vonnegut will be released this November.

The collection, called "Look at the Birdie," contains 14 stories by the author of "Slaughterhouse-Five" and other works. Delacorte Press announced Friday.

The publisher says it plans to reissue 15 Vonnegut titles including "Mother Night," "The Sirens of Titan," "Galapagos" and "Slaughterhouse-Five." Also due: another collection of his unpublished writings and a book of letters sent to and from the author during his life.

More never-before-seen stories by Vonnegut appeared in the 2008 collection "Armageddon in Retrospect."

Vonnegut died in April 2007 at the age 84. His works contained elements of social commentary, sci-fi and autobiography.

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Palma Dorn, left, was the first place winner in The Pampa News' Pride photo contest in the Friends and Family division. She received \$100 for her photo of her daughter Sage.



Janet Whitsell, right, won \$50 as the second place winner in the Pride photo contest in the Gray County Scenes division.



Kerrey Perry, left, receives a \$25 check from The Pampa News for her prize winning photo. Perry won third place in the Friends and Family division with a photo of her daughter Emma May.



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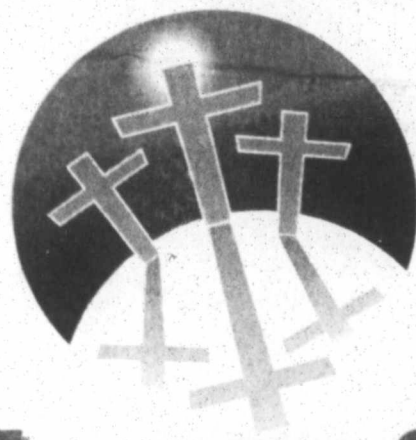
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Immigration legal system does not protect rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nahuel Castrucci had no lawyer when he went before an immigration judge the first time, or the second time, or the third time. He sat speechless and handcuffed as the judge was about to expel him from his own country.

That's when his mother jumped up in the courtroom and shouted, "He's a citizen! He's a U.S. citizen! He shouldn't be here!"

She was right. Her outburst prompted the judge to ask for more investigation from lawyers, eventually leading to Castrucci's release.

The American judicial system deems everyone innocent until proven guilty and guarantees a fair hearing with a lawyer — except when it comes to immigration. Then there are far fewer rights. And as the system comes under pressure from a flood of new cases, the strain is showing.

One result is that U.S. citizens arrested as illegal immigrants or deportable residents cannot count on the legal system as a safety net. The odds are stacked against them. On the basis of interviews, lawsuits and documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, The Associated Press has documented more than 55 such cases since 2000, and immigration lawyers count hundreds more.

Those who go through the immigration legal system can be arrested without a warrant. They are not read their rights unless it's a criminal case. They do not get a lawyer unless they can pay or find one who will work for free. They can be deported without hearings. And until this January, they didn't get a free phone call.

"They are deporting a very large number of people in very fast ways, often under the radar of any review by courts," said Daniel Kanstroom, director of the International Human Rights Program at the Boston College Law School. "Deportation of citizens is the tip of the iceberg. ... The system is in dramatic, desperate need of reform."

Jim Hayes, director of detention and removal for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said his agency does not keep track of how many citizenship claims it receives, or how many turn out to be valid. He said it's more common for citizens to claim they are foreign-born to evade a criminal sentence than it is for immigrants to be mistaken for immigrants.

"We don't make a habit of accidentally picking people up. It's not our desire to arrest U.S. citizens and take them into custody for immigration violations," Hayes said.

Still, he said, authorities need to be careful about determining citizenship.

"I think it's incumbent upon us to show due diligence and fully investigate and ensure this is, in fact, someone who is a U.S. cit-

izen before we release this person to the public," Hayes said.

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Castrucci is an example of how complex immigration cases can be, especially if they involve people who are born abroad and gain citizenship through U.S.-born or naturalized parents.

He was arrested more than two years ago, when armed officers burst into his bedroom in Chelsea, Mass., and accused him of being in a gang he said he had left two months earlier.

Castrucci, 22, who was born in Argentina, said he thought he was a citizen because his mother was and asked officers to check his Social Security number, but they didn't. Although there were no criminal charges, immigration officials kept him in custody.

In custody, he found Laura Murray Tjan, a lawyer with the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project, but Tjan did not attend the hearings because she said the case should have been clear to any immigration official.

It took a month before Castrucci's citizenship was verified and he was released.

"For me, it was a matter of making use of very limited resources (hundreds of detainees, one me)," Tjan said in an e-mail. "What I ultimately learned in these citizenship cases though was that ICE repeatedly missed what I perceived as really obvious issues... They know where his bedroom is, but don't know he's a U.S. citizen."

Tjan also noted she had four or five cases of U.S. citizens picked up for removal proceedings in a year, "and I'm only one person."

Rene Saldivar, 41, of Riverbank, Calif., gained citizenship through his father, who was born in Colorado. But he had no way of proving that to immigration officials because he was sent to a jail far from home and had no access to either lawyers or legal documents such as his birth certificate.

Saldivar speaks in short sentences, like a shy child, and his family says his mental functions are on the level of a teenager.

One day in October 2007, police pulled him over as he rode a bike just ahead of the car of his brother-in-law, Aquiles Rojas. Saldivar was arrested for failing to show up for probation visits related to possessing drug paraphernalia, and was held at a Grayson County jail for two months.

When Saldivar had completed his sentence, Rojas went to pick him up. But Saldivar wasn't there. A sheriff's deputy said immigration had him, but he didn't know where.

Rojas called immigration facilities in Sacramento, San Francisco and Eloy, Ariz., where he knew detainees were regularly

sent. No luck.

For six months, the family did not know where Saldivar was. They went to Tijuana, Mexico, to look for him. Some feared he was dead. Rojas, a pastor at Samaritano in Modesto, Calif., said prayers for him.

Then, Saldivar called his sister. He had finally remembered her new number, and borrowed another detainee's phone card for the call. He asked for money to buy food and shoes, Rojas said.

It turned out Saldivar had been in an Eloy federal immigration jail all along, the same one Rojas checked.

But immigration officials had recorded his last name as Saldidar, so they couldn't find him.

"I was afraid. I never been in no bad jail like

that, a big jail. It was way far from my house," Saldivar said.

It took another eight months for the family to prove Saldivar was a citizen. With the help of the nonprofit Florence Project, they tracked down his father's birth certificate. But Rojas said the certificate was considered insufficient proof.

Rojas needed Social Security records, which he

was unable to get released. So he turned to his congressman, Rep. George Radanovich, R-Calif., who helped get records of Saldivar's father's work with the Colorado railroad. Saldivar was finally released last May.

Hayes said that as far as ICE knew, Saldivar was a legal resident with several drug convictions that made

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Schools celebrate 39th anniversary of Earth Day

NEW YORK (AP)— No need to worry about the kids not going green.

Schools across the country are celebrating Earth Day with tree plantings, recycling displays and lessons on energy and water conservation. Some are shutting off the lights for the day, while others are sending kids into the community to spread environmentally friendly messages.

Here's what some schools are doing to mark the 39th anniversary of Earth Day, which is on April 22.

Montessori Academy of Chicago

It's lights out for Montessori Academy of Chicago. The school with 185 students, from six weeks to 9 years old, is shutting off the lights for the day to teach kids and their parents energy conservation. About 75 students ages 3-6 will also build sculptures with rocks, leaves, and sticks in a nearby park and learn about Midwestern trees from a local arborist.

"The more our students interact with the world around them, the more they can appreciate what the earth has to give us," said Stacey Edwards, educational coordinator.

The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development, Pond Road location in Freehold, N.J.

About 25 4-year-olds will learn about water pollution when they toss the trash from their lunches into a giant container of water. The students will observe what happens to the water in a few hours. "What will the fish and frogs think if they are living in this water?" Their teacher will also read them "Our Class is Going Green!" a book written by Oklahoma kindergartners with easy things kids can do to protect the environment.

"We hope they learn that they have to preserve our water, preserve our land for years to come," said director Shelly Berkal.

Chesterbrook Academy in Columbia, S.C.

Chesterbrook Academy is holding its 16th annual "Ladybug Release." The 175 pre-K and kindergartners will each receive a handful of ladybugs, recite a poem and then release the

insects into the environment. The kids have been learning about ladybugs, which eat aphids, and plant lice, and other insects that are harmful to trees, shrubs and plants. The kids will also decorate T-shirts and hats with "Earth Day" messages and will wear them for the big event.

"They learn a lot about ladybugs and the good they bring us, and they learn a lot about taking care of the earth and making it beautiful," said principal Susan Asher.

University Schools, Greeley, Colo.

Students at University Schools will be making music. About 130 third- and fourth graders will create instruments out of things that are ordinarily thrown away, said music teacher Karen Gullickson. She said last year's instruments included a bass fiddle made out of a wash tub, broomstick and string, and drums made out of coffee cans and leather. The students will create the instruments and then perform as a band. Gullickson said she hopes students learn to make music and the importance of reusing and recycling.

South Middle School, Arlington Heights, Ill.

There's nothing like a competition to get students excited. South Middle School plans to announce the winning homeroom in the "Recycle Caps with Aveda" program. Nine-hundred students have been collecting plastic bottle caps, from ketchup bottles to milk gallons. A tree will be planted on school grounds in honor of the winning homeroom, including a plaque, and students will attend a dedication ceremony. Aveda has developed ways to make new caps and containers from recycled caps.

"I'll be honest. I never anticipated the excitement it's brought to the kids," said Principal Linda Klobucher, adding that she saw kids going through the trash at a basketball game recently looking for caps. "They are really having a great time. And the teachers are too."

The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, N.Y.

The Environmental Awareness Club will be making and selling solar smoothies (blenders will

be powered by solar panels). The club is raising money to install solar panels on a Habitat for Humanity house. Members will also participate in a clean up and local planting event. Later in the week, the entire girls' school, grades 6 to 12, will turn the lights out in the classrooms and collect jewelry and bags for a "freecycle." Also, students can drop off the goods throughout the week and that Friday, take what they want for free. Anything extra will be donated.

"I'm hoping to show how the green movement is also about giving back," said junior Maddy Yozwiak, who is a reporter for the environmental news Web site Mother Nature Network (www.MNN.com) "Also, if students get in the habit of recycling, that would be a big bonus as well."

Centennial High School, Las Vegas

Battery power is coming to Centennial High School. The 3,000 student campus is participating in a "Battery Swap," bringing in their alkaline batteries and exchanging them for the more eco-friendly Fuji EnviroMAX batteries. Math teacher Mary Macioce contacted Fuji after seeing its batteries at the Consumer Electronics Show. Fuji will give the old batteries to Battery Solutions, a company that recycles all types of batteries.

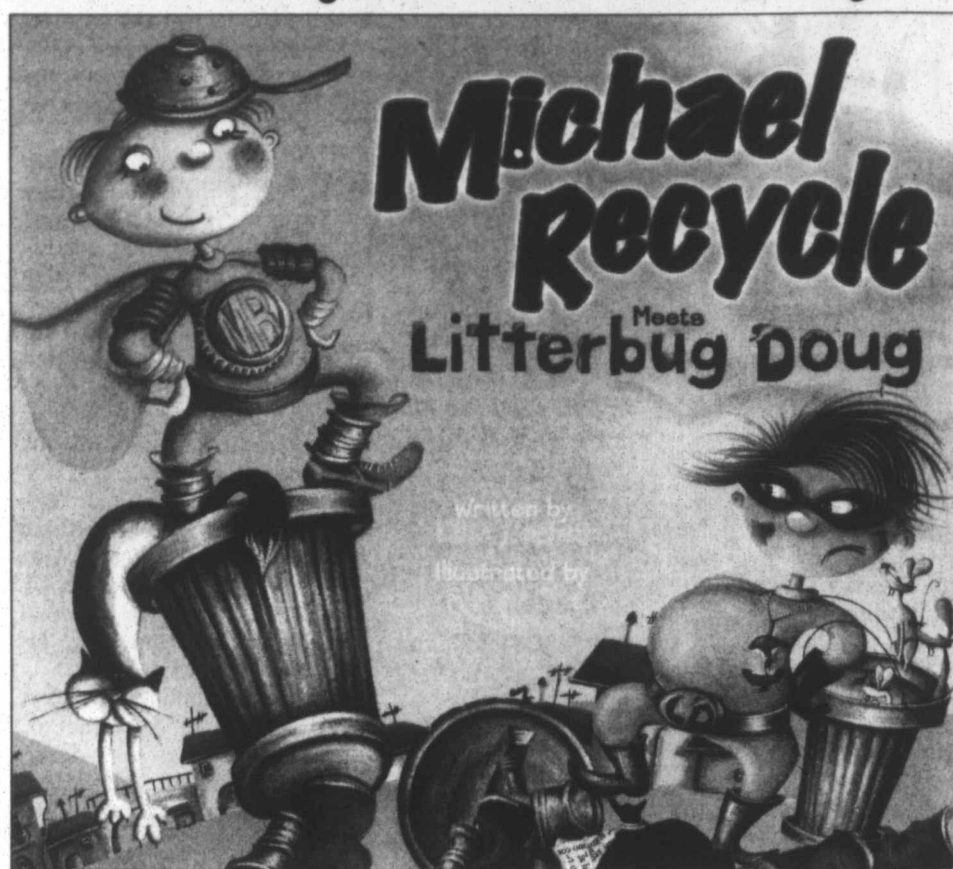
"I'm hoping that whether they believe there is a global environmental crisis, they will see there is a shared responsibility for doing something to preserve our environment," said Macioce. "Even if it's as simple as recycling batteries."

Oregon High School, Oregon, Wisc.

The EcoCAR is hitting the road to Oregon High School. About 60 students in Anatomy and Physiology of Machines will learn about the car from the engineering students who are designing it.

Students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison are re-engineering a 2009 GM Saturn VUE vehicle to make it more fuel efficient, as part of a North American collegiate competition called EcoCar: The NeXt Challenge, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and General

At the Texas plant, inspectors found a ventilation system was pulling debris from the infested crawl space into production areas. The plant was ordered by the state to stop producing and distributing food products.



This book cover released by Worthwhile Books shows the cover of "Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug," by Ellie Bethel. With save-the-planet buzz filling up their worlds, kids have a fresh crop of books that break down eco-issues into bite-size vocabulary lessons, simple reuse and recycle projects and easy ways to get inspired.

Motors. High school technology and engineering teacher Randy Way said he hopes the presentation gets his students thinking about how to address environmental and energy issues when it comes to automobiles.

The University of California, San Diego

"Earth Week" is coming to the 30,000 student campus, with an eco-fashion show, clean car show and student-produced films about the environment, among a host of other programs. Students and staff will dig through more than 1,000 pounds of trash to show how garbage is full of recyclable items.

The school is also encouraging the community to bring in old comput-

ers, stereos and cell phones for reuse and recycle. Other events include a Green Job fair, with eco-friendly companies, such as the Center for Sustainable Energy, and a Local Organic Food Fair. Organic meals will be served at the various dining halls throughout the week.

Boston University

There's no lull in "Earth Week" activities on this 30,000 student campus. On the actual day: The Organic Gardening Collective will give away seedlings; the Slow Foods Club will hold a taste-test between organic produce and conventional produce; the Environmental Student Organization will have a taste-off between bottled water and filtered tap water. Student recycling

coordinators will distribute free recycling bags. The dining halls will feature "all local menus." Even the School of Theology will have an Earth Day Worship.

Susan Lebovits, communications specialist in the office of sustainability said she hopes "Earth Week" brings an awareness to campus about the importance of reducing the environmental footprint.

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Texas fines Plainview peanut plant \$14.6 million.

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The shuttered Texas plant owned by a bankrupt peanut company at the heart of a national salmonella outbreak was fined a record \$14.6 million by the state Thursday.

Plainview Peanut Corp. LLC was fined over alleged violations that include unsanitary conditions, product contamination, illnesses linked to peanuts from the plant and operating for almost four years without a food manufacturer's license, the Texas Department of State Health Services said.

The Plainview plant voluntarily closed Feb. 9 after a private lab sample showed likely salmonella contamination. Texas health officials later ordered a recall of products there.

The state agency said it sent a notice of violation to the Plainview plant Wednesday.

The plant's owner, Lynchburg, Va.-based

Peanut Corp. of America, is blamed for an outbreak that has sickened nearly 700 people and is said to be the cause of at least nine deaths.

Peanut Corp. filed for bankruptcy in February. Andy Goldstein, an attorney handling the bankruptcy case, didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Doug McBride, spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services, said the fine was the largest ever levied by the department and needed to be done regardless of the bankruptcy filing.

"We felt the assessment of the administrative fines needed to be done regardless of financial situations," he said. "If there is a violation, the penalties need to be assessed, period."

In January, federal investigators identified a Georgia peanut processing plant operated by Peanut Corp. as the source of the salmonella outbreak. Thousands of possibly contaminated consumer products have been recalled in one of the largest product recalls ever.

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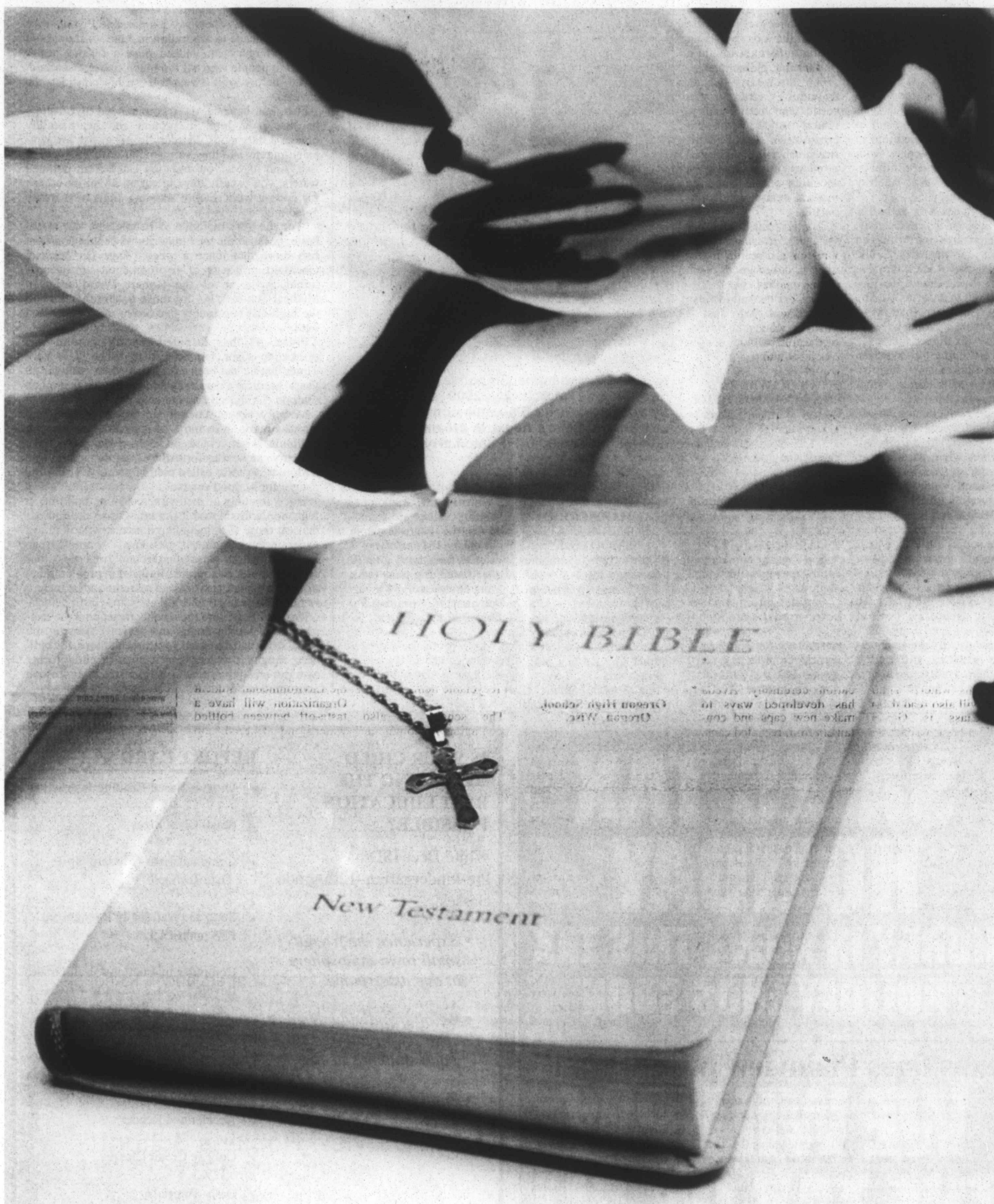
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Blend up dessert-like breakfast, indulgent snack

By **JIM ROMANOFF**
For The Associated Press

Frosty, dessert-like and packed with delicious, nutritional ingredients, it's no wonder fruit smoothies are so popular.

What's particularly nice about smoothies is that they are fast and easy to make, and indulgent without being loaded with fat and calories. Plus, the only equipment you need is a blender.

Of course, a smoothie is only as healthy and tasty as the ingredients you put in it. So avoid dumping in sugar or thickening with full-fat dairy products. There are easy, healthy alternatives.

To give a fruit smoothie its icy, thick consistency, use crushed ice or frozen fruit as the base. The advantage of ice is that you add volume and texture without calories. The downside is that your smoothie can become watery as the ice melts.

Thickening with frozen fruit adds calories, but also plenty of vitamins, fiber and antioxidants.

For convenience, wash, cut and freeze fruits such as melons, stone fruits and berries when they are in season so you have them on hand when smoothie inspiration hits.

Peeled and cut tropical fruits, such as bananas, pineapples and mangoes, also are great ingredients to keep in the freezer.

For greater convenience, use store-bought frozen fruits, such as berries, cherries and peaches. These usually are an excellent value and good enough quality for blending into smoothies.

Be sure to buy individu-

ally quick-frozen fruits rather than those frozen in blocks of sugary liquid. They are healthier and much easier to toss into the blender.

Many fruit smoothies also contain milk or frozen yogurt to give them a thick, creamy, milkshake-like texture. These two smoothie recipes go a little out of the box by using nonfat buttermilk to add a rich-tasting, pleasant tang.

The strawberry-banana smoothie uses frozen berries and fresh bananas, which add additional creaminess. Antioxidant-rich blueberries and pomegranate juice make a shocking purple smoothie that's as healthy as it is flavorful.

Use leftover buttermilk to make dressings, marinades or as a healthy ingredient in baked goods, such as biscuits and cakes.

Consider the salt in these recipes optional. Just a pinch heightens the flavors of the fruit without adding much sodium.

STRAWBERRY-BANANA SMOOTHIE

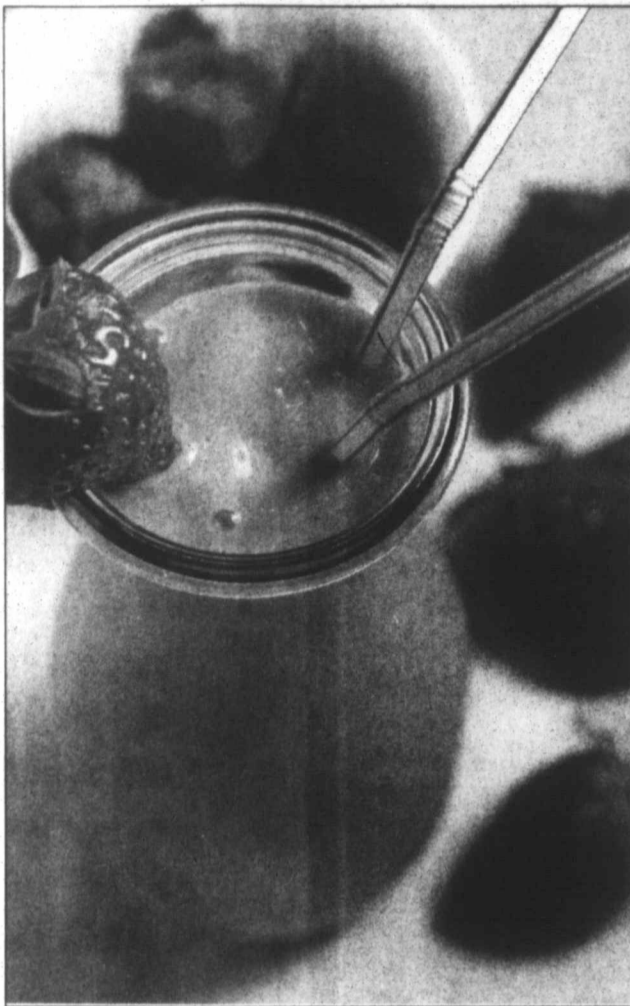
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

1 1/2 cups unsweetened frozen strawberries
2 small bananas, broken into chunks

1/2 cup nonfat buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Pinch salt
In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend until smooth.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 158 calories; 4 calories from fat; 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 1 mg cholesterol; 37 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 5 g



A Strawberry-banana Smoothie is seen in this Sunday March 29, 2009 photo. This Strawberry-banana Smoothie contains plenty of fruit and gets a boost in creaminess with non-fat buttermilk. (AP Photo/Larry Crowe)

fiber; 327 mg sodium.

BLUEBERRY- POMEGRANATE SMOOTHIE

Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

1 1/2 cups frozen blueberries

1 cup pomegranate juice

1/2 cup nonfat buttermilk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Pinch salt
In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend until

smooth.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 151 calories; 7 calories from fat; 1 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 1 mg cholesterol; 34 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 3 g fiber; 339 mg sodium.

You can eat too much fish

By **MICHAEL HILL**
Associated Press Writer

It might sound like Jeremy Piven is telling a fish story.

The actor known for playing uber-agent Ari on "Entourage" blamed mercury poisoning from eating too much fish for his sudden exit from the Broadway play "Speed-the-Plow" in December.

Now Piven is defending himself against a grievance complaint filed by the play's producers who — like some other observers — are dubious of the I-ate-too-much-fish claim.

Medical researchers say it's possible Piven's case — which heads to arbitration in June — could hold water. Mercury can indeed pose a serious health threat to people who eat too much fish and seafood. But before you swear off sushi, consider the caveats.

Fish, on balance, is recommended by doctors because it is high in protein and heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. Mercury levels in fish are typically minute, and they vary among different types of fish. And unless you're eating catch from polluted waters, you usually have to eat an awful lot of fish for quite a while before showing signs of mercury poisoning.

"For the vast majority of people, it's not a real issue, because the vast majority of people don't eat fish more than once a week," says Dr. Michael Gochfeld, professor of environmental and occupational medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. "It's for those people that we call the high-end consumers that we're most concerned with."

Piven, 43, has disputed reports that he was overeating sushi, but he also told The New York Times that he had been eating fish twice a day for 20 years. Medical experts say adults who eat that much seafood can indeed risk mercury poisoning.

Mercury occurs naturally in the atmosphere and humans pump even more of it into the air through pollution. When it lands on lakes, rivers and oceans, mercury can be transformed by microorganisms into a more toxic form called methylmercury. That's the danger for seafood eaters.

Trace amounts of methylmercury can build up in fish and shellfish. And it can build up in the animals that eat those fish, including humans, who then can experience neurological problems. Symptoms can include tingling sensations around fingertips, toes and lips, a lack of coordination, vision problems and trouble articulating words. In extreme cases, mercury poisoning can cripple, kill and cause birth defects.

Health officials are most concerned about the danger to developing brains and nervous systems and issue strict consumption recommendations for children, pregnant women and women of childbearing age. But all adults are advised to watch their seafood consumption.

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Making 'green' choices isn't as simple as it seems

CHICAGO (AP)—The messages come from everywhere: Save the planet. Reduce your carbon footprint. Be eco-wise.

But how do consumers decide which product or action is healthier or more environmentally friendly? Sometimes the choices are clear; other times they're more murky. Here are some examples:

Paper v. plastic.

Both can be made from recycled materials and are recyclable. Paper is made by cutting down trees, which help absorb greenhouse gases, but then again, they're renewable. Plastic bags are often made of polyethylene, produced from natural gas, which is abundant but not renewable.

But it takes more water and energy to make paper bags than it does to produce plastic bags. Neither breaks down particularly fast in a landfill, though paper is compostable; plastics don't biodegrade easily.

An alternative is taking your own reusable cloth or plastic bag to the store. But consumers shouldn't stress too much, as long as they're recycling or reusing store bags, whether by filling paper with newspapers for recycling or carrying their lunch in plastic, said Chris Newman, an environmental scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs v. incandescent.

CFLs last longer and use less energy, but also are more expensive and contain toxic mercury. That means consumers must be careful how they clean up the bulbs if they break and dispose of them properly.

But mercury also is a byproduct of burning coal. And the extra electricity needed to power incandescent bulbs often comes from coal-fired power plants. The toxin, which can cause neurological damage in children, can get into the food chain after settling into lakes and streams.

Eventually both CFLs and incandescent bulbs probably will be replaced by solid-state, or LED, lighting. But until then, environmental groups generally advocate consumers use CFLs, though people with children will want to take extra caution.

Organic v. conventionally grown food.

It's true that organic food, grown or raised without pesticides and herbicides, could be better for your health and the ecosystem. But if it is shipped from thousands of miles away, there is an environmental tradeoff because of the pollution caused by trucks traveling cross-country.

Some experts say you might want to consider passing on organic produce, for example, if it has a thick skin, like bananas, or outer leaves, like corn. Or you could make a point of buying locally grown food.

Pesticides v. doing nothing.

Bugs in the house aren't just creepy and crawly. In the case of cockroaches, they can cause asthma in children. But spraying pesticides is not necessarily great for little lungs, either, and it's



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often just a matter of time before the critters return.

A better alternative is using baits, the roaches eat the poison, then take it back to their families, helping to end the roach life cycle, according to Tom Neltner, of the National Center for Healthy Housing and founder of Indianapolis-based Improving Kids' Environment. But parents have to be careful that children and pets don't come in contact with the baits, he said.

Drive-thru v. getting out of the car.

Idling a car engine for more than 10 seconds emits more pollution than turning it off and back on again. So if you're able, environmentalists recommend that you park your car and walk into the fast-food restaurant or the bank. Many cities recommend that drivers avoid idling as much as possible, especially on days when alerts are issued because of ground-level ozone and soot.

Or better yet, walk to the restaurant. If you can safely walk or bicycle, there is no environmental or health downside. And riding the bus or train helps take cars and trucks off the road, cutting down on tailpipe emissions, which account for a large percentage of air pollution in most urban areas.

Cloth v. disposable diapers.

Disposable diapers are convenient, but can be costly over time and raise health concerns over absorbent chemicals used to keep infants dry, such as sodium polyacrylate (SAP).

But cloth diaper services can be harmful to the environment because of chemicals used in laundering and carbon emissions released in pick-up and delivery. However, if laundering at home cloth diapers can be a cost-effective option.

Also efficient are all-in-one or "hybrid" diapers that usually consist of a washable cotton pant and a disposable diaper refill that can be flushed or used as wet compost. Organic disposable diapers offer an eco-friendly alternative to plastic, non-biodegradable ones left in landfills indefinitely.

Many parents use a combination of cloth and disposable diapers, depending on the circumstance and time of day.

System doesn't protect

RIGHTS cont. from page 1B

him deportable. A 1996 law allows legal permanent residents to be deported for any of a number of crimes, even if they have already served their sentences.

"He did not tell us he was a citizen," Hayes said. "There was not evidence he was a citizen. There was evidence that he was a lawful permanent resident. ... I think you have a very unique situation here."

Family members and advocates say Saldivar's case is not unique.

"I was upset with the system because here we are in the U.S. and this is happening with our ethnic group," Rojas said. "We've seen it, you know, time after time, and it repeats again, and it's sad."

Even if they can work the system and find lawyers, citizens who pursue their cases often run into problems in the immigration courts.

Judges have little time and many cases. Dana Marks, president of the National Association of Immigration Judges, said 214 immigration judges decided 350,000 cases last year.

"These cases are of incredible importance.

These are potential U.S. citizens, many who are unrepresented. And you have an overburdened immigration court that is trying to make sure no one slips through the cracks, and it is difficult without resources," Marks said.

Immigration judges also have limited power. In testimony to Congress in February, Kara Hartzler, an attorney for the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, told of a detainee later identified by the AP as Michael Romero Jimenez.

Romero Jimenez was detained in Eloy, Ariz., for deportation. A judge agreed that he was a citizen because his father was, and since citizens are eligible for release on bond, the judge said Romero Jimenez could go on a \$1,500 bond.

But Romero Jimenez couldn't pay, and he stayed in detention while the Department of Homeland Security appealed the judge's decision. Seven months later, the appeals exhausted, Romero Jimenez was freed.

Sometimes, the mistakes that ensnare citizens can be as simple as a misunderstanding over the most mundane customs of other countries.

Mohammed Adil Adem spent more than a year in immigration jail after the court made a mistake in reading the date on his birth certificate.

Adem was born in Sudan and became a citizen when his parents were naturalized. His birth date was written in the Arabic fashion as 2/10/85, with the day first. The date was spelled out on another part of the birth certificate as Oct. 2, 1985.

Immigration officials read the date according to the American practice of putting the month first — Feb. 10, 1985. The immigration judge accused Adem of lying to the court and ordered him deported.

Adem gave up and waived his right to appeal, but attorneys with the non-profit Florence Project found him before that could happen and persuaded him to reopen his case. They got an Arabic professor to submit a new translation verifying the date Adem had mentioned all along.

The judge finally dismissed the deportation order.

It took another 40 days before ICE released Adem.

Jobless woman hopes it pays to advertise

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — An unemployed Connecticut woman has taken her job search to the side of a highway.

Pasha Stocking, of East Hampton, has rented a billboard along Interstate 95 in Bridgeport. The sign includes her photo and the message, "Hire Me!" It directs people to her Web site, www.hirepasha.com.

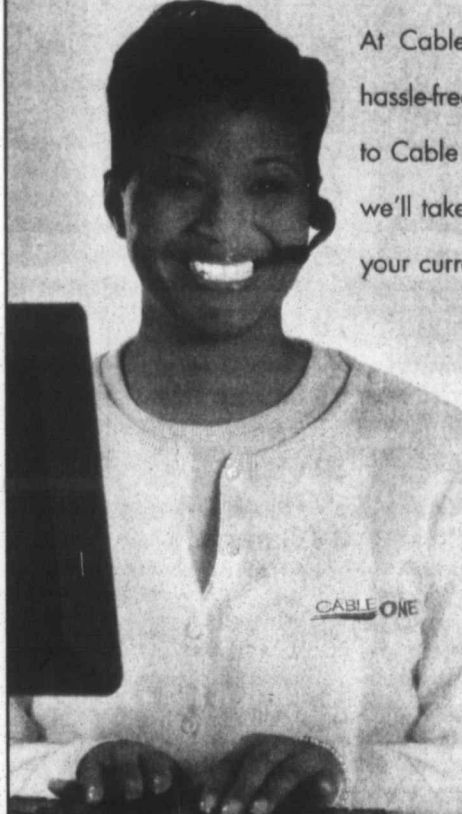
Stocking, a 37-year-old single mother, was laid off in June. She says has tried

everything to land a new job in marketing and design. She also is interested in executive assistant positions.


Stocking says she got the idea from a Milwaukee man who did the same thing.

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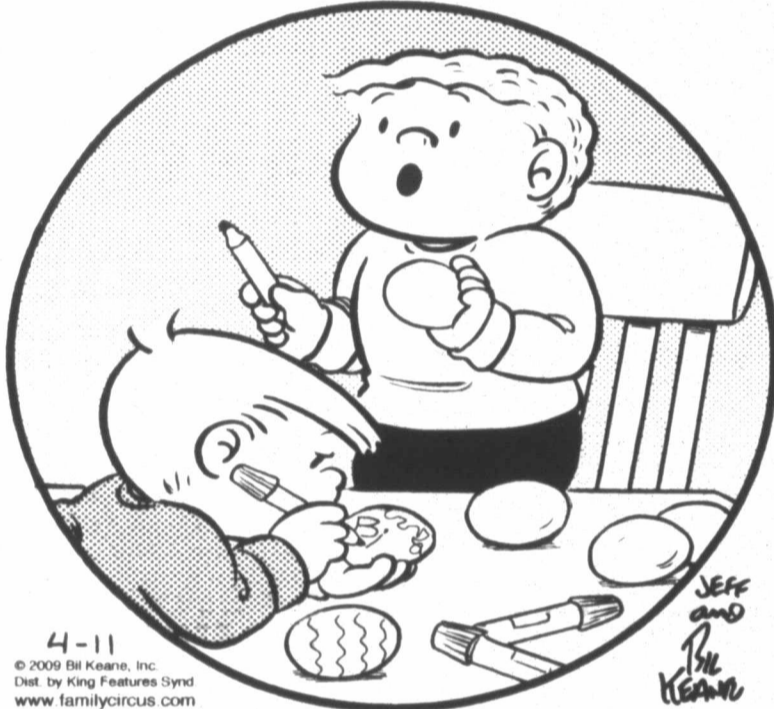
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"I don't call this a tip!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

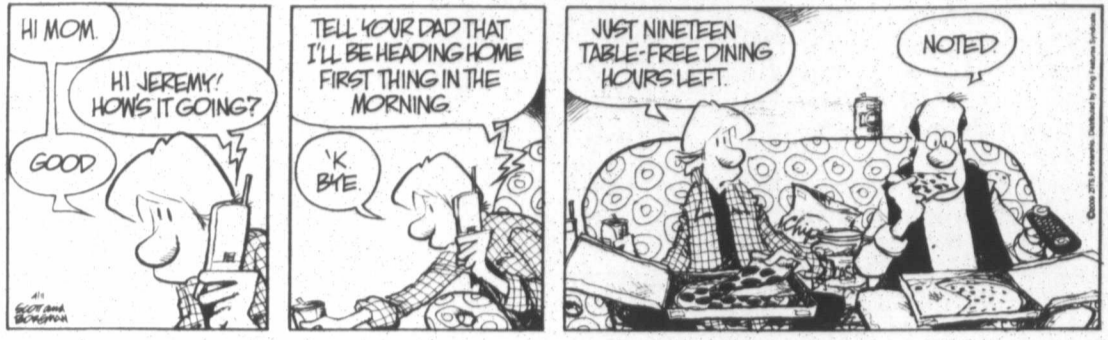


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Used an insecticide on
 - 7 Ohio team
 - 11 "The Stunt Man" star
 - 12 Gumbo veggie
 - 13 Bar perches
 - 14 Lucy's co-star
 - 15 Broadcasts
 - 16 Obama's veep
 - 17 Gaelic
 - 18 Succeed
 - 19 Amused look
 - 21 Naval initials
 - 22 Jason's men
 - 25 Homer's dad
 - 26 Brown seaweed
 - 27 Survived
 - 29 Plane part
 - 33 Worship site
 - 34 Greene of "Bonanza"
 - 35 Recess
 - 36 Small dome
 - 37 About
 - 38 Lowered
 - 39 Spotted
- DOWN**
- 1 "Cabaret" director
 - 2 Playful mammal
 - 3 Hired thugs
 - 4 Well-behaved fellow
 - 5 Wings
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 - 7 "The Kiss" creator
 - 8 Made, but barely
 - 9 Creator of the Zax
 - 10 New Orleans team
 - 16 Inspired
 - 18 Longed
 - 20 Weatherman
 - 22 Ear-shaped shell
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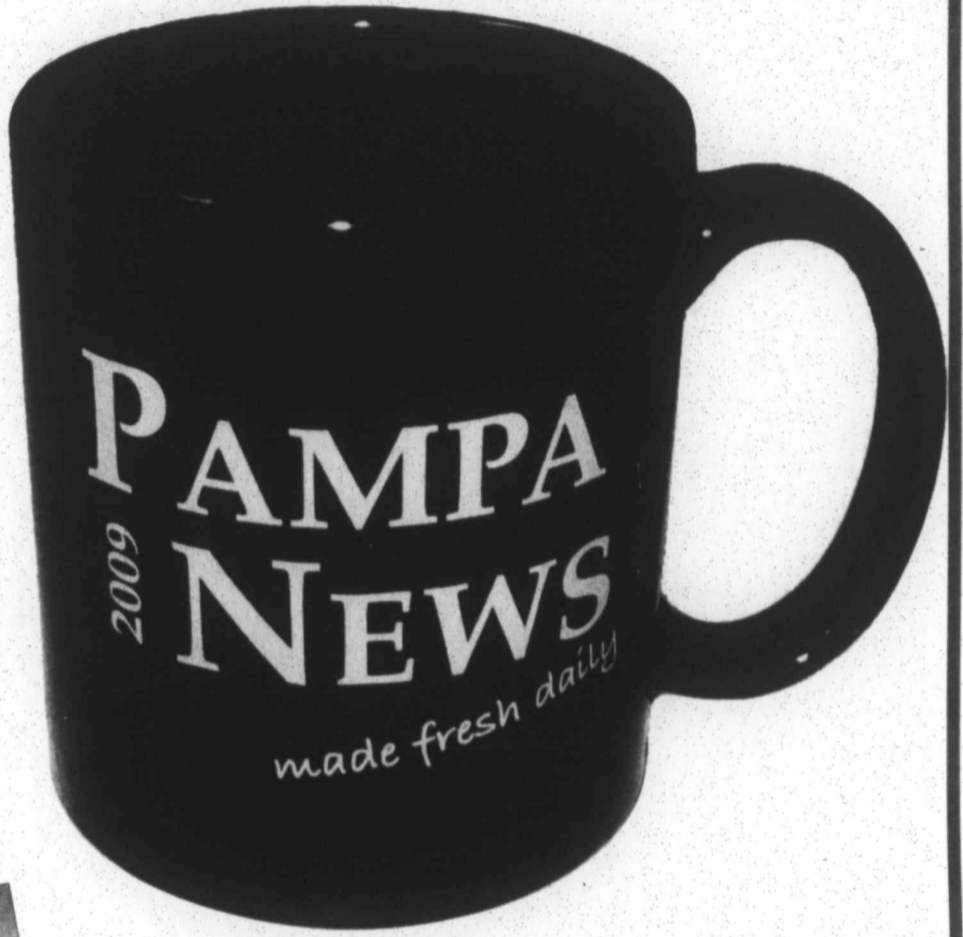
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Lessons learned, systems upgraded since massive wild fires of 2006
 by David Bowser



Firefighters from Hoover Volunteer Fire Department douse flames along a canyon ridge north of Pampa March 13, 2006. Staff photo by David Bowser.

FAMILY SETS UP TRAINING FUND
 The children of a Pampa firefighter who lost his life to a wildfire have established a scholarship fund for firefighters in the Pampa area.

What do the people have in common?
 Our readers think the answer is drought. See page 18.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We recently got together with extended family to celebrate a child's birthday at a family-oriented restaurant. One of the adults began bragging about how she had saved money because she paid for only one salad plate from the "all you can eat" salad bar.

When she finished eating her salad, she passed her plate to another family member, who then had his fill and passed the plate along until all their immediate family members had eaten.

We told her it was dishonest, that she's stealing food from the restaurant because she didn't pay for all the salads that were actually consumed by her family. She claimed that it wasn't dishonest because it's "all you can eat." This has caused a huge disagreement within the family. What say you? -- **STEAMED AT THE SALAD BAR IN COLORADO**

DEAR STEAMED: Of course it's dishonest; it's stealing. The sign read, "All you can eat," not "All you and your family can eat -- for the price of one."

I don't know what this person's financial status is, but from where I sit, she appears to be morally bankrupt, and she's passing along her lack of ethics to the next generation. Keep your distance. Folks like this are apt to help themselves to anything that isn't nailed down.

DEAR ABBY: I have a rare autoimmune disease that will end my life within a couple of years. After not dating for 15 years, I met a wonderful man. Even though I tried not to, we fell in love. I think I should break it off with him because he has lost two wives to cancer and I don't want him hurt again.

Right now my health is still halfway decent, and we can go out and have a great

time together. But all that's going to happen is we will grow closer and closer, and he's the one who will lose in the long run.

He doesn't deserve to lose someone else he loves. It's not fair. Is it wrong to keep dating him, or should I break it off while we still have good memories? -- **SLOWLY DYING IN TEXAS**

DEAR SLOWLY DYING: Is this gentleman aware of your illness and the prognosis? If the answer is yes, then he is fully aware of what will eventually happen -- and you should allow him to have a say in whether the relationship continues or not. No one is guaranteed tomorrow, next week or next year. My advice is to enjoy every precious minute you have together to the fullest, stop feeling guilty about it and live in the present.

DEAR ABBY: I am, 6

feet, 5 inches tall and weigh 240. My wife is 5 feet, 8 inches and weighs 140. We sleep in a queen-sized bed and have always had a playful debate about "my" side of the bed.

She contends that she should have half the bed, but I say I deserve more space because I'm bigger -- therefore, the bed should be divided 60/40. Marriage isn't always 50-50, right? -- **GOING BY THE NUMBERS, LAKE CHARLES, LA.**

DEAR GOING BY THE NUMBERS: No, sometimes marriage is 90/10. While you may be "entitled" to only 50 percent of the bed, the fact is that the size differential between you and your wife is so great that you need some extra real estate. So ask her to be gracious and grant you an easement. Either that or invest in a larger bed.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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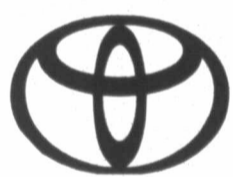
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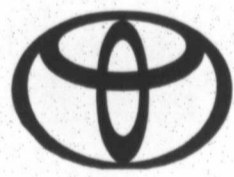


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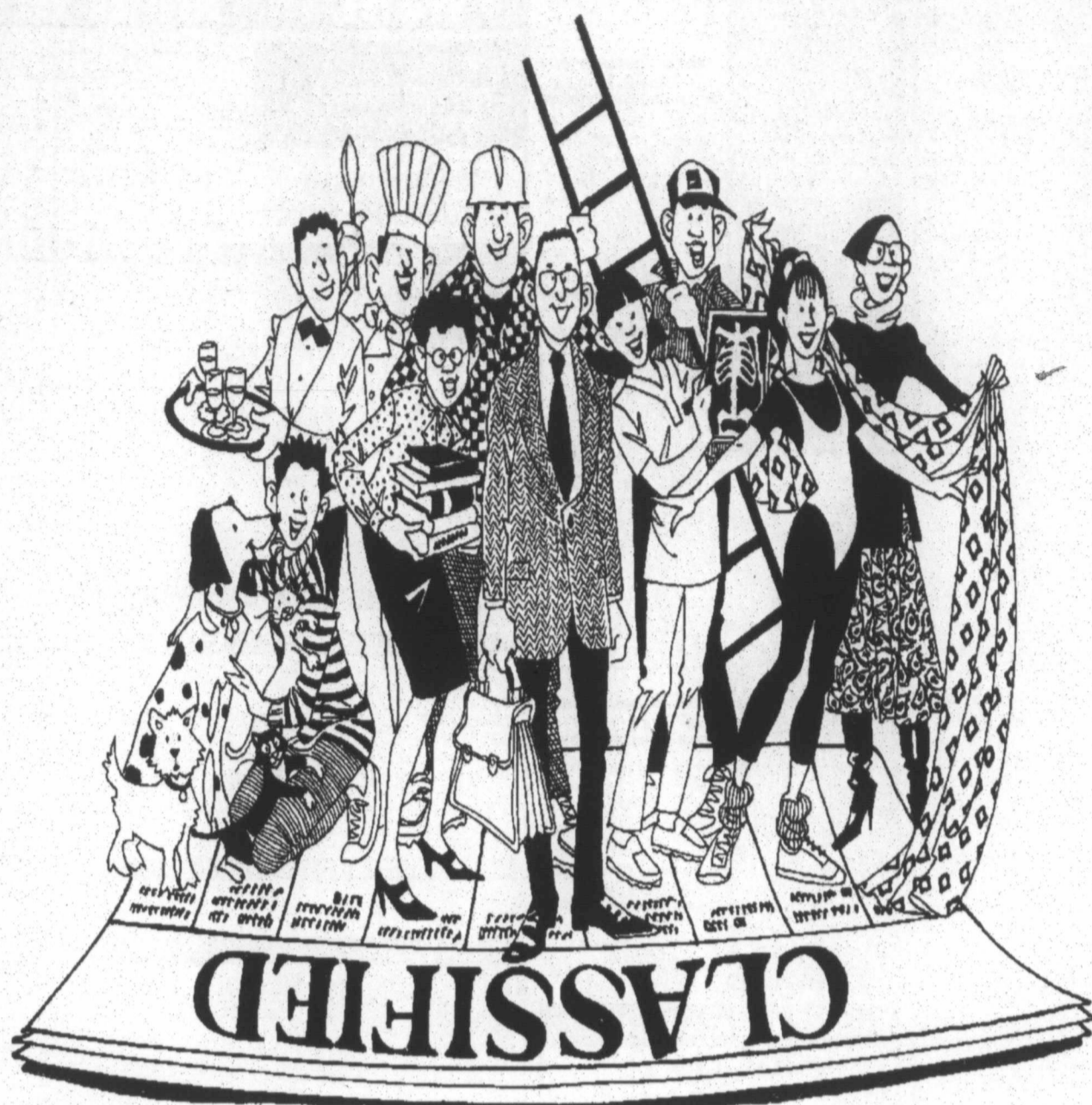
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4-11 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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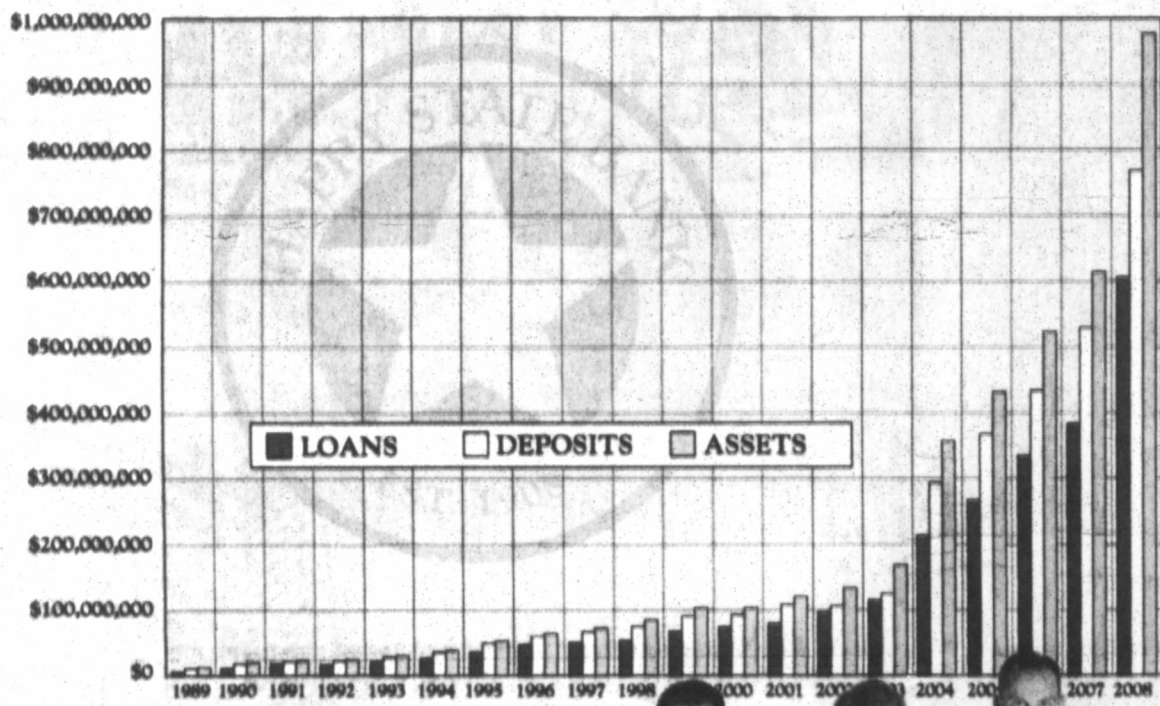


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