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NOT A 'GIRL' SPORT



by Rachel Stennett
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While other kids her age watch Speedracer and dream of what it will be like to drive, 11 year-old Samara Villanueva puts on her safety harness and hits the track every other weekend at 70 miles per hour.

Throughout the months of April to October, racing season, Villanueva is one of the most unique 11-year olds in Pampa as she races at the junior level, going speeds of 7.90 seconds in an eighth of a mile, roughly 70 miles per hour.

"It's not a girl sport," Villanueva said of her unique hobby. "I love the competition. Last year I beat a 13 year-old boy and made him cry when I sent him home," she said with a smile remembering the finals last season in Arlington.

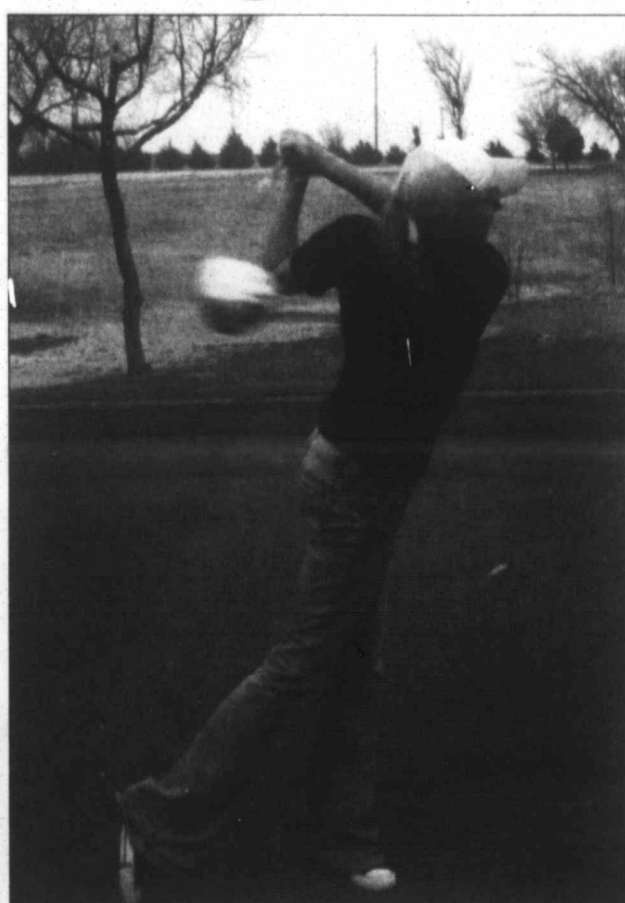
Villanueva races in part of the Junior National Hot Rod Association. Her racing car "Play'n With Matches" is sponsored by the VFW.

The VFW Post 1657 decided to sponsor Villanueva to promote the slot car races owned by the VFW and to encourage Pampa kids to think outside traditional hobbies for things to do. Villanueva's racing on the track may encourage people to race slot cars for fun at the slot car racing center owned by the VFW in Pampa. Villanueva's father, Blake, is a member of the local VFW Post. The post bought Samara the car she currently races with.

The 2008 season was Villanueva's first in drag racing with NHRA, and she went to

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PHS golfer headed to regional meet



submitted photo
 PHS Senior Shelby Rose recently was chosen to compete at the regional golf competition in San Angelo.

by Rachel Stennett
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Pampa High School Senior Shelby Rose spends hours every week practicing golf with her teammates and in private lessons, and the practice has paid off. Rose has been selected to will travel this weekend to San Angelo and participate in the golf regional competition as one of the top two performing female golf players in the district.

She will participate in a two day tournament at Brentwood Country Club, which starts Monday. Rose and her alternate, Julie Schunemen, will arrive Saturday to prepare for practice Sunday, and then the tournament Monday and Tuesday.

Rose was able to choose an alternate to travel and play with her in the regional competition, and she selected Schunemen.

"She's one of my good friends, and we will get to hang out together when we

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Storm damages junior high roof

by Rachel Stennett
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Heavy rains yesterday helped replenish a dry county early Friday (April 17) morning, but did substantial damage to the roof at Pampa Junior High School.

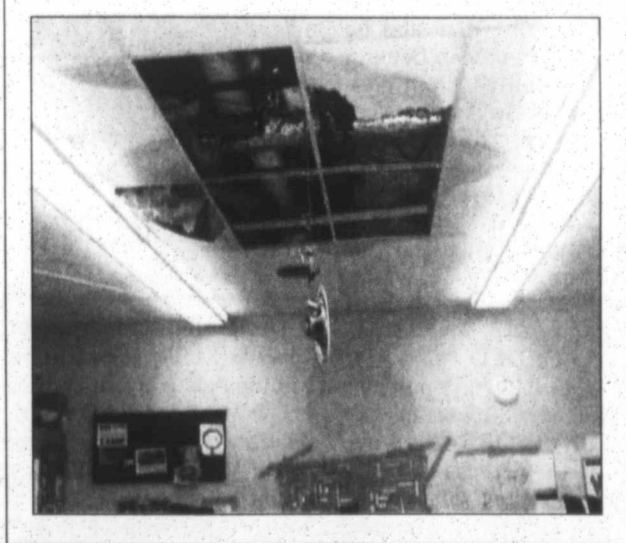
Walter Johnson, head custodian, was at the school by 6 a.m. Friday to attempt to clean up the broken ceiling tiles, puddled floors, and damaged desks.

"One classroom was

very bad," Johnson explained of the cleanup. "A book-room had water all over it, and other classrooms and hallways were effected."

It took Johnson nearly three hours to repair the damages caused by heavy rain and winds. Cleanup included a running a vacuum to suck up excess water, and picking up trash and debris caused by the broken roof. Student

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Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. North northwest wind around 5 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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Jeff L. Anderson, 85

Conroe, Texas — Jeff L. Anderson, 85, died April 14, 2009 in Conroe, Texas.
SERVICES: Pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Anderson was born May 11, 1923 in Carthage, Texas to Lenvol and Willard Anderson. He served in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War II in the Philippine Islands. He married Kathleen Reagan on January 20, 1946. She preceded him in death on December 19, 1991. Jeff then married Ola Mae Boren on August 16, 1992. He was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa, the Downtown Kiwanis Club in Pampa, and a current member of the First United Methodist Church in Conroe. He worked for Cabot Corporation/Ingersoll-Rand in the engineering and sales department in Pampa. He was a loving husband and father and will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife: Ola Mae Anderson of the home; son: Timothy Anderson of Lubbock; 2 daughters: Karen Slay and husband Steve of Lubbock, and Sandra Spalding and husband Dexter of Amarillo; 2 stepdaughters: Pam Pegoda and husband Tom of Huntsville, and Gayle Moore and husband Jim of Dallas; 1 brother: Alan Anderson of Carthage; 7 grandchildren: Jennifer Anderson, Jason Slay, Jerod Slay, Justin Slay, Jesse Slay, Karesa Spalding and Kaylyn Spalding; 3 step-grandchildren: Tommy Pegoda, David Wade Pegoda and Kelly Moore; 1 great-grandchild: Dexter Branson Spalding.

MEMORIALS: Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas 79101, or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981.
 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Paul James Baker, 64

Paul James Baker, 64, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, in Hedley, Texas.
 Services will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, April 18, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, and Jeremy Strain, officiating.
INTERMENT - Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.
ARRANGEMENTS - Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.
 Paul was born April 22, 1944 in Wellington to Creed Robert and Callie Jane Eddings Baker. He married Ricki Powell on December 4, 1987 in Wellington. He had been resident of Wellington before moving to Hedley 12 years ago. He was a hard working man and he took great pride in being a professional concrete contractor. He took great pride in everything he did. He was great musician and dancer. He loved his kids and grandkids and had a loving and giving heart for his family. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

of Sulphur Springs, Maxie Baker and wife Judy of Childress, and Ronnie Baker and wife Peggy of Bowie; 3 sisters, Callie Jo Stephens of Hedley, Peggy Jane Hook of Amarillo, and Rosie
 Wright and husband Doug of Hedley; 14 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild on the way.
 The family will be at 402 West Railroad Street.
MEMORIALS - The family request memorials be to Hedley Sr. Citizens, Hedley Vol. Fire Dept., or Rowe Cemetery Association.
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PRECEDED IN DEATH BY - his parents; 2 brothers and 3 sisters.
SURVIVORS - his wife, Ricki of Hedley; 4 sons, James Baker and wife Linda and Kelly Harmon and wife Cheryl all of Amarillo, Tommy Baker and wife Beth of Fort Worth, and Morgan Harmon of Hedley; 3 daughters, Lisa Baker of Lubbock, Karon Harmon and Gini Neeley both of Pampa; 4 brothers, Robert Baker and wife Carolyn of North Carolina, Don Baker

For the record

Obituaries

Isabel Asencio, 76

White Deer, Texas — Isabel Asencio, 76, died April 16, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.
 Vigil services will be at 7PM Friday, April 17, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with Isaac Driedger, deacon, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Borger, officiating, and funeral mass will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and Isaac Driedger, officiating.
 Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in White Deer, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Asencio was born November 5, 1932 in Degollado Jalisco, Mexico to Ramon and Altigracia De La Cerda. She married Salvador Asencio in 1957

in La Rivera Jalisco, Mexico. They had been residents of White Deer their entire married life. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of White Deer. Mrs. Asencio was a very loving and forgiving mother with a heart of gold and a sense of humor like no other. She loved music and cooking, and her family said if you ever were to come to her home, you had better be hungry because you were going to be fed.
 Survivors include three daughters: Susie Weeks and husband Russell of Gravette, Arkansas, Sesilia Silva and husband Efrain of Pampa, and Ofelia Marszal and husband Charles of White Deer; 3 sons: Jesse Asencio and wife Annette of Amarillo, Ray Asencio and wife Darlene of White Deer, and Raymond Asencio and wife Kim of Pampa; 1 sister: Olivia Miranda of Phoenix, Arizona; 6 broth-

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ers: Ramon De La Cerda, Javier De La Cerda, Rogelio De La Cerda and Jose De La Cerda, all of California, Isaac De La Cerda of Phoenix, Arizona, and Juan Manuel De La Cerda of Houston; 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. — Mrs. Asencio was preceded in death by her parents: Ramon and Altigracia De La Cerda; her husband:

Salvador Asencio; a brother: Enrique De La Cerda; and a grandson: Miguel Villegas.
MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or CASA of the High Plains, 315 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas 79065.
 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Palesteen Gething Drum, 105

Pampa, Texas — Palesteen Gething Drum, 105, died April 12, 2009 in McLean, Texas.
 Private burial will be at the Gething Ranch family cemetery, with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Canadian, officiating. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Mert Cooper, a Presbyterian minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Drum was born December 1, 1903 in

Colorado City, Texas, and was a lifelong resident of Wheeler, Roberts and Gray Counties. She was a long-time member of First Christian Church in Miami, and later joined First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. Mrs. Drum was a member of Miami Chapter #98 Order of the Eastern Star, VFW Post #1657 in Pampa, and she was one of four women who started the Pampa Army Airfield Reunion. Mrs. Drum loved her family and was a wonderful grandmother to her grandchildren. She loved to take them fishing and picnicking. She loved to work in

her garden and loved to travel extensively.
 Survivors include her daughter: Mary Ellen Gething Jones of Pampa; son: W. E. "Bill" Gething and wife Grace of Pampa; 2 grandsons: Mark E. Gething and wife Marna of Amarillo and Grant Gething and wife Joyce of Pampa; 8 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 grandsons: John William Lilly and George Edward Lilly.
MEMORIALS: Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas



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Ronald Hollingshead, 76

October 2, 1959 in Pampa. Over the next several years Ronald worked very hard taking care of his family and finishing college. In 1966 he graduated from West Texas State University. He began working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; working out of the Tulsa office for 22 years until his retirement in June of 1988. After retirement he moved back to Texas living near Sherman. He lived there until moving to Claremore in 2000. He was a devout member of St. Cecilia Catholic church. His hobbies included, reading, fishing, hunting, golfing, square dancing, exercising and watching sports.
 He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Randal Keith Hollingshead and sister Sandra Hollingshead.
 Survivors include his wife Betty of the home;

children, Ronald Hollingshead and wife Valerie of Claremore, Rhonda Hollingshead of Clinton, Louisiana, and Robin Leverett and husband Brad of Altus; sister, Terry Williams and husband Gerald of Whitesboro, Texas and grandchildren, Ian, Evan and Elise Hollingshead, Holly and Travis Leverett and Shelbi Yeates.
 View Ronald's online tribute and sign his memory book at www.mmsfuneralhomes.com
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Damage to classrooms at Pampa Junior High School caused by Thursday night's storms.

Senate hands rare victory to trial lawyers

JAY ROOT
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Handing a rare victory to personal injury trial lawyers, the Texas Senate passed legislation Thursday that would make it easier for certain people to recover damages after being exposed to asbestos.

The bill, which passed 20-11 on a preliminary vote, would only apply to lawsuits involving mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer usually caused by the inhalation of asbestos fibers.

The legislation, which faces more hurdles before becoming law, would set a lower standard of proof for demonstrating that asbestos exposure was significant enough to cause the cancer.

All of the Democrats in the chamber voted in favor of the legislation. But the debate dragged on for hours as

Republicans, who rule the Senate 19-12, squabbled with each other over how much the bill might negatively impact businesses and whether trial lawyers deserved big contingency fees when they win asbestos cases.

"Trial lawyers chase big pots of money," said Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston. "This is a big pot of money."

The sponsor of the legislation, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said the bill would not "ruin the business climate in Texas," and was designed to help a relatively small group of cancer victims.

He said sufferers of mesothelioma face huge delays and hassles trying to meet a relatively high standard of proof in asbestos lawsuits.

Without the legislation, Duncan said, "these people are gonna be dead by the time their case is finally resolved."

Rain damages school

Roof— cont. from page 1

desks and tables were also damaged by the rain. "I've been here 18 years, and it's the first time it's ever happened like this," Johnson said. According to Johnson, a fourth of the total roof was damaged by the rain.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch said that the roof had extensive work done on it about a month ago. The work redirected the water flow on the roof, as the roof has been slowly

leaking a long time. "This is a result of something that wasn't completed in the first repair, but the work should still be under warranty and will be repaired," Haenisch explained.

Golfer headed to regionals

Rose— cont. from page 1

have free time at night after the tournament," Rose explained of her choice to take Schunemen with her.

Rose, a senior at Pampa High School has played golf since she was a freshman, largely through the influence of her older brother Bryan.

"The whole family plays," Rose explained. "I didn't really get into it until freshmen year, but I really like it."

She likes golf so much that she is willing to devote over 10 hours every week practicing with her five other female teammates, and takes lessons from Pampa County Club Golf Professional Tim Stadler.

"As I got better, I fell in love with it," Rose said of the game. "Golf taught me to never give up because you will have bad times, but never get angry and keep your head up and keep going."

Rose has been taking private lessons with Stadler and took lessons with the previous PCC golf pro Mark Hughes. Rose has also been training with the West Texas A&M Golf Coach Meredith Jameson.

"I wanted to go there

(WT) after graduation, and now I'll be on the team next year." Rose said she takes lessons from Jameson a few times a month in Amarillo, and used to take lessons with her every week before golf season went into full swing.

Rose said she is willing to spend over well over two hours a day practicing because of her love of the game.

"Golf is a sport that you always learn from every day, and it's always fun. There are good months and bad months, but it never gets boring."

The Pampa High School Girls Golf Team placed fourth in district and first in their division in a tournament in Borger. The other team members include all PHS senior girls: Taylor Bell, Shelby Wisdom, Rikki Beesley and Schunemen.

The regional win is the first individual win for Rose.

"I'm pretty excited for this. I worked for years for it and went through a lot of tears," Rose said.

The girls golf team is led by Chris Kelly. This year is the first for Kelly coaching

in Pampa, which Rose said was an adjustment for the team but she felt he is a good coach.

After graduating this year, Rose will play at WT, and she hopes to take her golfing career beyond that.

"I want to teach and coach golf," Rose is considering teaching English or Science in the future.

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Drag racing lady

Racer— cont. from page 1

the finals. Although only a year deep into the sport, Villanueva has a taste in her mouth to win big with the Wally Award, which she said is like the Oscars for racing. The Wally Award is a NARA award named after drag racing founder Wally Parks.

Last season, Villanueva made it to the NAPA Jr. Drag Racing League Western Conference Finals. "At the finals) I made it past first round of eliminations..." But Villanueva said it's more than just a competition, she enjoys the unique hobby and the unique opportunities it brings. "I like to meet people and different families."

"You're hooked once you get the car," Samara's dad Blake said, who will be racing his own Mustang starting in April. Samara's father, Blake, bought Play'n With Matches from Cleveland, Ohio, some 2,000 miles away.

Appropriately, the car is black painted with flames. The crew chief for Villanueva and her car is former Pampa High School shop teacher Jerry Norredenbos.

Villanueva's parents have a different perspective than other parents when it comes to her hobby.

"Other parents question us about the safety of the sport," Blake said. "We are very safety conscious."

Samara agreed, adding, "I am safer in my (race) car than I am in the truck on the way to school." NARA requires the junior drivers to have complete physicals, and they also have to have a good GPA.

She also attended a racing school in Dallas to learn how to master her sport.

Safety isn't the first thing that Villanueva's friends think about though, instead they spend most of the time asking Samara and

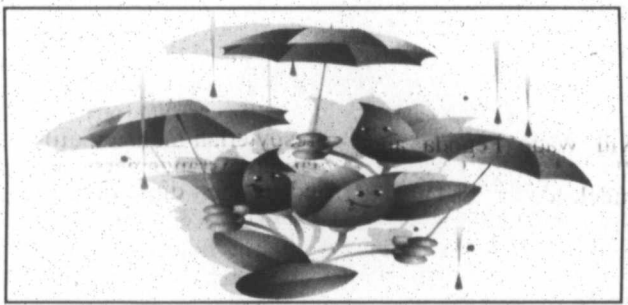
her parents if they can join her at the races as spectators.

Villanueva and her family have fallen in love with the sport, even though her mom Natalia says its a jinx when she watches her, so instead she stays in the trailer and listens to a radio broadcast of the races.

The fun doesn't come without it's price though, Blake said they paid about \$8,000 last year for startup costs, including the car, trailer and any other racing equipment. Neither questioning parents nor expenses can't stop Villanueva though. Already, she is anticipating turning 16, which means a bigger car and faster speeds.

Drag racing, gymnastics, and soccer keep Villanueva busy, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"Boredom is not a problem for me."



Pampa ISD Events for the Week of April 20-25

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

Pampa High School

- April 20 • All Night Party Meeting • 7:30 • Cafeteria
- April 23 • Blood Drive
- April 24 • Cheerleading Tryouts Assembly • 2:45 pm

Pampa Junior High School

- April 20 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 pm • Library
- April 21 • Student Council • 7:30 am
- April 23 • Spring Casual Pictures
- April 24 • Mom's Involved • 9:00 am
- April 24 • Academic Pep Rally • 2:45 pm
- April 25 • NJHS-park project • 10:00 am

Austin Elementary

- Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 22 • PAAS 4th and 5th Grade Video Conference
- April 23 • Volunteer Luncheon
- April 23 • 5th Grade to "Hard Hat Harry" • 8:30 am • Wilson

Lamar Elementary

- April 21 • Kid's Café • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 pm

Wilson

- April 20 • Kid's Café • 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- April 22 • Power Hour • 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, April 18, the 108th day of 2009. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

On this date:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

In 1907, San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel opened, a year to the day after the earthquake.

In 1934, 75 years ago, the first laundromat (called a "washateria") opened, in Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Republic of Ireland was proclaimed.

In 1978, the Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

— Albert Einstein

Panama on the last day of 1999.

In 1980, the independent nation of Zimbabwe, formerly Zimbabwe Rhodesia, came into being.

In 1983, 63 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: NATO launched its most active day of airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia, pummeling refineries, bridges and dozens of other targets in the 25th straight day of attacks. Wayne Gretzky played his last National Hockey League game as his New York Rangers lost to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime at Madison Square Garden.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Hale is 88. Actor Clive Revill is 79. Actor James Drury is 75. Actor Robert Hooks is 72. Actress Hayley Mills is 63. Actor James Woods is 62. Actress-director Dorothy Lyman is 62. Actress Cindy Pickett is 62. Country musician Walt Richmond (The Tractors) is 62. Country musician Jim Scholten (Sawyer Brown) is 57. Actor Rick Moranis is 56. Actress Melody Thomas Scott is 53. Actor Eric Roberts is 53. Actor John James is 53. Rock musician Les Pattinson (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 51. Author-journalist Susan Faludi is 50. Actress Mary Birdsong is 48. Actress Jane Leeves is 48. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 46. Bluegrass singer-musician Terry Eldredge is 46. Actor Eric McCormack is 46. Actress Maria Bello is 42. Rock musician Greg Eklund (The Oolahs) is 39. Actor David Tennant is 38. Country musician Marvin Evatt is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Trina (Trina and Tamara) is 35. Actress Melissa Joan Hart is 33. Actor Sean Maguire is 33. Actress America Ferrera is 25. Actress Alia Shawkat is 20. Actor Moises Arias ("Hannah Montana") is 15.

Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST 4/17/09



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T'would be 'a whole 'nother country'

By Randy Pribble

Dear Governor Perry,

I recently chose to live in a "whole 'nother country," but I had no idea that you intended to make a marketing slogan a reality.

I recently read that you approved of the idea of secession.

Didn't we have a little tussle in this country and worked out that concept some time ago? Say 1865?

I thought we had agreed way back then that we were many states brought under one banner with a strong federal government.

It's worked out pretty good since then when it comes to things like national defense and an interstate roadway system, a national electric grid and the like, don't you think?

But mostly, this makes me uncomfortable because I don't want to live in a foreign country.

I already have a passport to go visit Mexico and Canada. I don't want to have to get another one to visit Oklahoma. It would just make a weekend at the lake a little bit too involved.

I can't imagine what it would be like at the Rick Husband International Airport if I had to declare any purchases going one way or the other.

My relatives would be very irritated to have their "Don't Mess With Texas" merchandise source cut off because of tariffs between the Republic of Texas and the United Remaining 49 States.

It's true that no one likes to pay taxes and that everyone should be concerned about government without limits, but that's true at every level, not just the Feds.

Wish you had brought this whole thing up just a few years ago, while we were digging this hole, and not now, while we are trying to fill it in.

Such talk may make an already disenchanted portion of the electorate feel good for a time, but in regard to current events, it really isn't all that helpful.

And for Heaven's sake, if we are going to break away and form our own nation, couldn't you have arranged to have it done before April 15 and saved the citizens of the great country of Texas a few bucks by not having to file their federal income tax returns?

That alone tells me you really haven't thought this thing through.

I've already heard political wags laugh about "who is going to move that fence?"

Nope, it has to stay there (we will still have our illegal immigrant problem, only it will truly be our own)

and we - the citizens of the Great Country of Texas - will have to pay for it.

(As an aside, I'd like to point out that we have some experienced fence builders right here in Pampa you should consider when it comes time to build the wall around the Panhandle. I think that Pampa as the "Gateway to Texas" has a real ring to it. We need a gate to let in the Oklahomans, anyway; that is, if they have a passport.)

This talk of succession, even as a not-so-serious, campaign gimmick is an inflammatory distraction to real political dialogue at a time when the country needs real political dialogue - not demagoguery.

However, if you decide to go through with it, I'd like to be considered for the position of the Republic of Texas' Ambassador to Missouri.

My friend, Joe the policeman, would be steamed if he couldn't give me a parking ticket because of my diplomatic immunity.

I'd give him a "Don't Mess With Texas" t-shirt.

That would be a hoot.

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America has resources and ingenuity for energy independence

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Over the past year, we have seen gas prices spike to record levels followed by the deepest economic downturn in a generation. These events illustrate how our energy priorities and economic challenges are tightly intertwined. A national strategy to achieve American energy independence is long overdue. As both sides of the aisle come together to create a plan to wean our nation off imported energy, we must consider the economic benefits of expanding our domestic resources, and heed the consequences of stifling production.

Since 1982, a moratorium on offshore exploration and development has prohibited production on 85 percent of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), leaving some of our greatest energy reserves untapped. This failure to rely on our own vast resources has placed America in the disadvantaged position of importing over 60 percent of our energy. Too much of it comes from unstable and unfriendly regimes like Venezuela and some in the Middle East. In 2008 alone, we spent close to \$475 billion on imported oil. This equation will not solve our long-term energy needs.

Oil and gas development in the OCS holds great potential to reduce our reliance on foreign energy sources. The tech-

nology and the infrastructure to safely and efficiently extract oil and natural gas are in place. Experts have estimated that the OCS contains roughly 100 billion barrels of untapped oil. Combined, production occurring off our Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, and Alaska coasts could replace OPEC imports for approximately 50 years.

Natural gas, in particular, is an extremely valuable domestic asset. It is abundant, cost-effective, and the cleanest-burning fossil-fuel available. The OCS holds undiscovered recoverable reserves of 420 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. And with the United States consuming natural gas at a rate of roughly 23 trillion cubic feet per year, there is essentially a 20 year supply of domestic natural gas off American shores.

Not only will expanded OCS development move us closer to energy independence, it will strengthen our economy and create stable, well-paying jobs. If the United States produced all available reserves in the OCS, the government would take in up to \$1.4 trillion in tax revenues. A December 2008 study conducted by economists and the American Petroleum Institute (API) indicates the potentially broad economic impacts from leveraging these available resources. The study projects that in the year 2030 alone, OCS production would result in more than \$8 billion in private sector

economic output. It would add nearly 40,000 jobs and \$2.3 billion in income for American workers.

The benefits of the OCS are clear; now, we must take decisive steps to develop this valuable source of domestic oil and natural gas.

In March, I introduced an amendment to the 2010 Budget to ensure that we expand domestic offshore energy production on the OCS. When setting the budget policies that will guide our energy portfolio, we cannot overlook our most valuable and accessible resources. My amendment, which was adopted in the Senate by unanimous consent, would ensure the OCS plays a role in our national policy. I look forward to working with the House of Representatives to keep this resource in our portfolio when the final budget is negotiated between the House and Senate.

I also led 33 of my Senate colleagues in sending a letter to President Obama, urging him to complete as expeditiously as possible the Administration's five-year plan for offshore oil and gas development. The President can show strong leadership and help reduce dependence on foreign oil by not reinstating the Presidential Moratorium on U.S. offshore oil production and by delivering a new offshore drilling plan. This approach would benefit all Americans.

The wrong approach



would be to tax energy production, which is what the Administration's budget proposes. Repealing tax provisions that support exploration, production, and refining would move our country in the opposite direction of energy independence, and it would lead to higher prices for all consumers of energy. When households are already struggling in this economy, a tax increase is the last thing we need.

The United States has two things that uniquely position us for energy independence: an abundance of natural resources and the indomitable spirit of American ingenuity. If we use these assets effectively, we will free the U.S. from dependence on foreign energy, thus strengthening our economy and national security. We must begin with the swift development of offshore oil and gas.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Around town

Murtishaw, Rogers to wed



Adam Walsh Murtishaw and Megan Marie Rogers

Colonel Mark and Mrs. Suzanne Rogers, of Boerne announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Megan Marie Rogers, of Anchorage to Adam Walsh Murtishaw. Adam is the son of Jean Walsh, of Pampa and David Murtishaw, of Alen Rose. The couple will exchange vows on Sunday, May 24 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Boerne. The bride is a 2003 graduate of Arizona State University and holds Masters of Business Administration degree through Troy University in 2006. The groom serves in the United States Air Force Reserves in Anchorage and attends Embry University.

Welcome, 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 Granddad David Porterfield, of Pampa.

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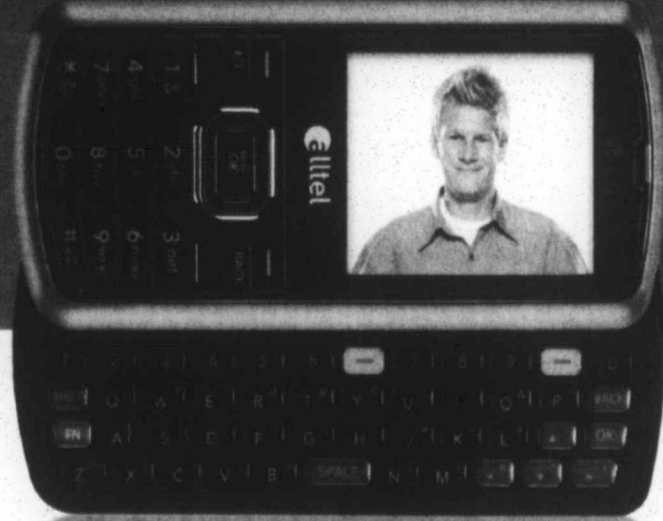
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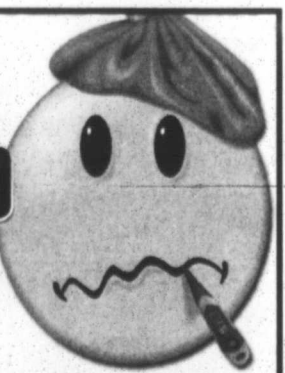


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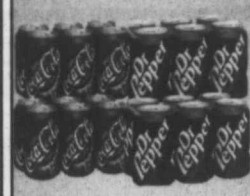
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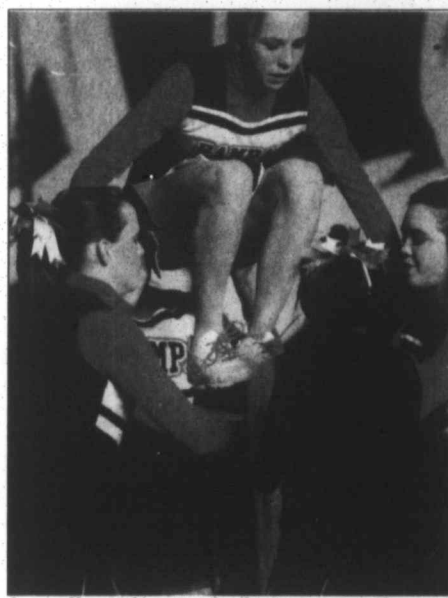
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Loading in and demonstrating a straddle basket for the opening of their routine is McKinlee Stokes. Her bases are Jessica Kenney, Rachel Andrews, Chelsee Whinery and Karoley Villareal.



Transitioning in their routine are Karami Rice, Rachel Andrews, Kelli Malone and Ellen Cambern.

Class of '69 seeks members

Pampa High School class of 1969 is still seeking to contact some members in anticipation of the class' 40 year anniversary.

Please contact Bob Marx at 665-0304 with information on these classmates:

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Texas high court rules against insurance company

DALLAS (AP)— The Texas Supreme Court ruled Friday that an insurance company must pay a family's claim over a child critically injured by a truck that was fleeing from police.

The child's parents, Greg and Maribel Tanner, sued the speeder, who was insured by Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Co. But the company claimed motorist Richard Gibbons violated his policy by being involved in a high-speed police chase that was certain to end in a wreck.

Although a jury ruled in favor of the family, finding that Gibbons did not intentionally cause the Tanners' injuries, the trial judge overruled that verdict, saying Nationwide didn't have to defend the driver or cover him.

An appeals court also sided with Nationwide, but the state's high court in Austin ruled that the jury's verdict should stand, stating that Nationwide didn't

prove "as a matter of law that Gibbons believed his conduct was substantially certain to injure the Tanners."

Calling the high-speed chase "not merely reckless but reprehensible," the high court said it could have ended any number of ways, including with Gibbons rolling his pickup truck, hitting a fixed object, with police stopping his truck or even discontinuing their pursuit instead of crashing into the Tanners.

"I'm really pleased. I think it's a very well-reasoned opinion," said the Tanners' attorney, Don Cotton. "I'm very happy obviously for my clients."

Although the Tanners must return to court to get a damage amount awarded, the high court's ruling means Nationwide will cover it, Cotton said. The attorney said he didn't believe there was a federal avenue for a Nationwide appeal.

A call to Nationwide's attorney wasn't immediately returned.

Gibbons, whose speed at times topped 100 mph, collided with the Tanners' family car as it rolled into an intersection in a rural area outside San Marcos in 1999.

All four Tanners were hurt, but 7-year-old Roney Tanner sustained the most serious injuries to his head, shoulder and arm, Cotton said.

In a coma-like state for several days, Roney endured a month long hospital stay and years of physical therapy.

The boy's parents, Greg and Maribel Tanner, sued Gibbons, hoping his \$300,000 policy through Columbus, Ohio-based Nationwide would pay for their son's medical bills. The company refused to pay the Tanners, saying Gibbons violated his insurance contract when he led police on a chase that was foreseeable to end in a

wreck.

At issue was how to interpret Gibbons' insurance policy, which included a standard intentional acts exclusion. The clause voids coverage if the driver deliberately causes an accident.

Gibbons bought his policy in Ohio, a state that has a wider definition of "intentional" than Texas. Ohio's exclusion voids coverage for "willful acts" that the driver "ought to know" will result in an accident.

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Farm Bill meeting scheduled

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A decision to elect ACRE may be made in any of the crop years 2009-2012 but the ACRE election is irrevocable and cannot be changed once a farm number is signed into the program.

Producers who choose to sign-up for the ACRE program need to understand they will be giving up all of their counter-cyclical payment as well as 20 percent of their direct payment and a reduction in their marketing loan rate by 30 percent.

ACRE payments will be made only when two conditions are met. The first condition is met when the Actual State Revenue (price x yield) falls below the State ACRE Guarantee. The second condition is met when the Actual Farm Revenue falls below the Farm ACRE Guarantee.

The Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center has developed an online software decision-aid program that will allow producers to enter all the necessary data to compare the possible benefits of ACRE with the possible costs of signing into the program.

At the meeting, AgriLife Extension personnel will discuss the ACRE program, demonstrating the online decision-aid software tool and the data necessary to run the program.

The online program will enable a producer to enter his own data by the Farm Service Agency farm number along with what is expected to be planted and what the expected prices will be.

With the data entered, the program will calculate the expected benefits of ACRE compared with what the producer has to give up to get those benefits. Each producer should leave the meeting knowing how to access the program online and understand what data is needed and how to interpret the results.

There are many factors that determine whether the ACRE program will be beneficial to area producers and using the online software will help in the understanding of this complicated decision.

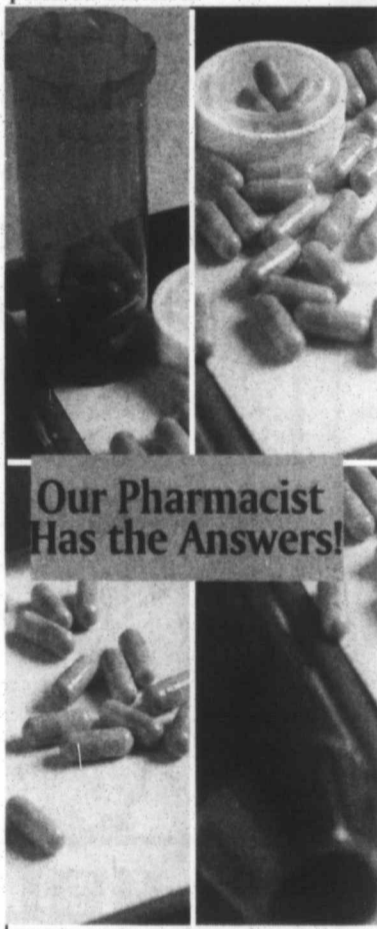
The Farm Bill meeting will be held at the Gray County Annex on Thursday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Brandon McGinty, CEA, Ag/NR at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 806-669-8033 or Matt Street at the Farm Service Agency at 806-665-6561.

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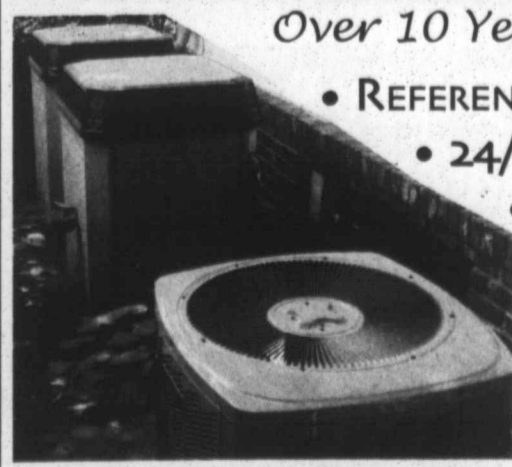
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Strategies for trimming summer vacation costs

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NEW YORK (AP)—Shannon Filippelli wants to take her two kids back to Cape Cod this summer. But she's not sure if her family can afford their traditional week at the beach. "As we started looking at rental properties, we were really surprised to see that prices haven't gone down," said the mom from Belchertown, Mass., who works part time for a marketing agency. She couldn't find even a cottage for less than \$2,000 a week.

Families across the country are trying to find a way to swing a summer vacation in difficult times. It's a challenge, but with a little creativity and compromise, many are finding ways to make it happen.

Here are some of the tactics that can help:

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With her husband, Keith, working a commission-based sales job, Filippelli is worried about making an expensive commitment. She tried to talk down some of the asking prices, but had no luck. "Negotiating didn't even seem to be an option," she said.

She might want to try again.

Part of the problem may have been that cut-rate prices can be harder to find at particularly popular destinations like Cape Cod or the Jersey Shore. But the recession is pressuring property owners to lower rates, said Christine Karpinski, director of the property owner community for HomeAway.com, which operates vacation rental Web sites.

There's been an increase of would-be travelers haggling on price, Karpinski said. The fact that more properties remain unrented than is typical for this time of year may help their cause.

"In the past, if you didn't book something by January, February, maybe

into March, you were out of luck for having dibs on any of the best places," Karpinski said. This year, she expects more last-minute deals.

Owners may be reluctant to cut rates sharply, but Karpinski said it's worth asking for discounts, some owners reduce prices for members of the military or first responders like cops and firefighters. Others are willing to rent for less than a full week.

She also suggested looking in off-the-beaten path locations, which can cost far less, and to look at off peak-times think, either early or late summer.

CONSIDER SHORTER TRIPS AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Danny and Tracey Kofke love to travel. But with Tracey now a stay-at-home mom raising their two young daughters, \$500 a day in Europe or New York City is not in the cards.

That doesn't mean they're going to stay in their backyard. They can't afford a big trip, so they're planning several shorter getaways within driving distance of their Hoschton, Ga., home.

That includes day trips to nearby state parks, a weekend visiting an uncle in Alabama, and a trek to Gatlinburg, Tenn., outside Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Danny, a special education teacher, said he'll teach a summer school session to raise extra cash, about \$1,000 total, to pay for vacation. The trips obviously won't be lavish. "The kids are at the age where going to McDonald's will make them happy," he said. And the family is likely to spend time doing things like hiking and exploring the park that don't require a lot of cash. "We can set that precedent that you don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money to have a good time."

National parks and recreation areas can be bargain destinations, and with the global recession weaken-

ing foreign tourism, they are expected to be less crowded this year. Many parks are free, and entrance fees top out at \$25. For frequent visitors, a \$80 National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass will cover fees for a full year at all parks.

Lodging inside parks can range from affordable cabins to pricey hotels. At most big parks, towns like Gatlinburg on the boundaries typically offer a range of accommodations that can fit any budget.

It's also easy to find low-cost campsites in or near most parks. Kyle McCarthy, editor of the Web site Familytravelforum.com, said camping can be a daunting prospect for the uninitiated, but noted many private campgrounds now rent spots where tents are already set up, or have cabins that offer a similar experience without the hassle.

Another trick is to look for state parks near national parks, where cabins or cottages often rent for less. Some state park systems, like Oregon's, offer unique alternatives like yurts,

wooden structures covered with canvas, that rent for \$35 to \$39 per night.

ECONOMIZE AS A FAMILY

A few years ago, Lanny Grossman's extended family gathered for a reunion at a Virginia golf resort. When talk started about getting together again this summer, some family members wanted another resort trip.

But resort rooms cost upwards of \$200 per night, and every meal would be eaten at a restaurant. With 15 adults and 5 children expected, the tab would have been enormous.

Then someone suggested sharing a house in Virginia Beach.

The idea of everyone staying under one roof wasn't popular with all the cousins at first. "Once the people that were opposed to it realized the economic implications, they were easily swayed," said Grossman, a New Yorker who works in public relations. Grossman said everyone got onboard because of the savings and family time.

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Locking in: Save a lot—or pay the price

DALLAS (AP)— At TXU Energy, the biggest electric company in Texas, the fastest-growing billing plan is one that lets customers lock in the price of power for one or two years.

"It's easier to plan that way, and I think you're saving money," says Brian Bell, an advertising salesman who signed a 2-year, fixed-price contract for electricity at the 1,500-square-foot Dallas town house he bought last year.

Other homeowners across the country are locking in prices now on electricity for summer cooling and heating oil for next winter. Heating oil prices are nearly 60 percent lower than they were at this time last year, according to Energy Department figures.

Natural gas prices have fallen as well, which not only affects the price homeowners pay for gas but the price of electricity produced by power plants

that run on gas.

Homeowners are doing what many large companies do to guard against sharp increases in prices for commodities ranging from crude oil to chicken feed.

They hedge. Locking in an electric rate or hedging against oil price spikes bring a degree of financial certainty, hopefully reducing the chance of a budget-busting surprise. But as with many strategies in these days of financial turmoil, the results don't always work out as expected.

Airlines try to hedge fuel costs by making offsetting financial transactions, such as buying futures contracts on related commodities like crude and heating oil.

One of the most acclaimed of all hedgers is Southwest Airlines Co. For several years, Southwest had a huge advantage over competitors because it aggressively struck financial deals to guard against

rising oil prices. Southwest estimates that hedging saved it \$4.5 billion since 1999.

But as Southwest learned, hedging can lead to huge losses if markets move in the other direction.

Last week, Southwest reported a first-quarter loss due to \$71 million in charges to cover the falling value of its fuel hedges after oil prices collapsed late last year. That was on top of \$360 million in charges to write down the value of its fuel hedges in the last two quarters of 2008.

Despite those setbacks, the airline says it is hedging fuel again after seeing oil prices rise nearly one-third since February.

Few ordinary homeowners can hedge gas or electricity costs like Southwest hedged fuel, but they too can seek protection from rising costs by locking in some prices. And just like the airlines, they could end

up paying too much.

At Dead River Co., a heating oil supplier in New England, some customers signed up last summer to buy fuel at the going rate of more than \$4 a gallon. The price fell by half by the middle of winter, but they were stuck. "If the company wouldn't cut the agreed-upon price because, it said, it had struck similar fixed-price deals with wholesalers to guarantee enough fuel.

"We've heard from some of our customers," said Claudette Townsend, a regional manager in Maine for Dead River. "I wish we had an out, but our suppliers are holding us to our agreements, and we have to do the same."

Christopher Abts, a financial planner in Reno, Nev., said a good alternative for seniors and people of modest income is paying utility bills in 12 equal monthly installments during the year instead of facing high air-conditioning

bills in summer or budget-busting heating bills in winter. Many utilities offer such plans.

"If you're on a fixed income, that can be a great option because you don't want any surprises," he said.

Whether it meets an economist's definition of hedging, any attempt to lock in prices can be affected by factors ranging from commodity prices or stock markets to simple, raw emotion.

Jennifer Lerner, an experimental social psychologist and director of the Decision Science Laboratory at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, said the desire to lock in prices is often driven by the kind of fear that increases during a recession.

"When people are afraid, they want to do things that will provide more certainty," Lerner said. "Fear motivates locking in."

The fear of uncertainty is so strong that even people burned by price declines after they locked in, as happened with heating oil customers last summer, often feel better despite having spent more money than if they'd done nothing.

Dan Ariely, a professor of behavioral economics at Duke University, and author of the book "Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions," said many people resist hedging because it seems like betting on a bad thing, such as a sharp increase in heating oil prices.

Ariely said hedging can feel like betting against your favorite football team because you fear they will lose.

And it turns out, he said, that football fans "don't enjoy the game as much if they bet against their team."

THE HEALTHY PLATE: Think outside the basil box

JIM ROMANOFF For The Associated Press Twenty-five years ago most of us hadn't heard of pesto. Today, it's ubiquitous enough to adorn pizzas, burgers, even potato chips.

But while this puree of basil, garlic and pine nuts has a healthy, fresh image, it can pack serious fat and calories. Along with herbs and nuts, most versions of the uncooked Italian sauce are made with plenty of cheese, olive oil, sometimes even butter.

In reality, a little bit of intensely flavored pesto goes a long way, so you can get flavorful results while using very little. But there also are plenty of ways to lighten up the sauce.

Cilantro and toasted almond pesto is a light alternative to conventional basil versions. Cilantro is a fine choice for pesto because it has a powerful flavor. Combined with a few cloves of raw garlic, it creates a sauce base that is fresh and assertive.

Instead of pine nuts, this pesto uses slivered almonds that have been toasted for extra flavor.

The mixture is pureed with a modest amount of extra-virgin olive oil and only a few tablespoons of grated Parmesan cheese. Be sure to use a high-quality cheese, such as Parmigiano-Reggiano, to get the finest flavor.

The sauce also is blended with a few tablespoons of fresh lime juice, which bumps up the taste even more and enhances the freshness of the cilantro.

The resulting sauce is lighter than most basil pestos and makes an excellent topping for fish, poul-

try or flatbread. If you like, swirl a spoonful into your favorite soup as a flavor-boosting garnish.

If you serve the pesto with pasta, thin it with a bit of the starchy pasta cooking water. This helps to stretch the pesto (while cutting fat and calories) and gives it more coating power.

CILANTRO AND TOASTED ALMOND PESTO

Start to finish: 15 minutes

Makes 3/4 cup (about 12 servings)

3 tablespoons slivered almonds

2 cups chopped cilantro (1 large bunch)

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 tablespoons lime juice

3 cloves garlic, chopped

3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 teaspoon salt

Ground black pepper, to taste

In a small, dry skillet over medium-low, stir the slivered almonds until they are fragrant and lightly toasted, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate and cool for 5 minutes.

In a food processor or blender, combine the toasted almonds, cilantro, olive oil, lime juice, garlic, cheese, salt and pepper. Process until smooth, scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula as needed.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 52 calories; 44 calories from fat; 5 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 1 mg cholesterol; 1 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 0 g fiber; 81 mg sodium.

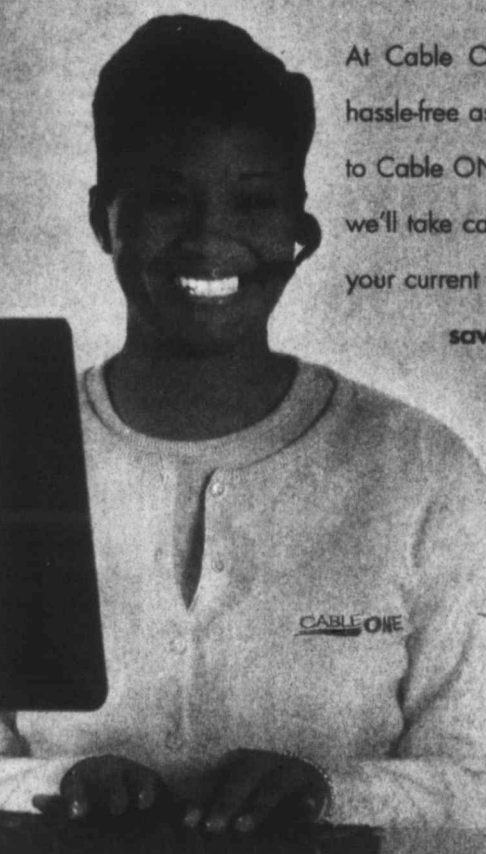


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 Chicken spaghetti
 Garlic bread
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 Pineapple
 Tuesday, April 21
 Sausage/rice/casserole
 Green beans/tomatoes
 Pears
 Cornbread salad
 Wednesday, April 22
 Oven-friend chicken
 Mashed potatoes
 Green beans
 Jello
 Thursday, April 23
 Swedish meatballs
 over noodles
 Lima beans
 Carrots
 Applesauce
 Friday, April 24
 Ham/dressing/gravy
 Sweet potatoes
 Green beans
 Cranberry salad

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 Monday... Chicken
 fried steak or chicken
 Louisiana
 Mashed potatoes,
 green beans, beets,
 beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello
 salad
 German chocolate
 cake or cherry creme pie
 Hot rolls or cornbread
 Tuesday... Chicken
 enchiladas or Salisbury
 steak
 Tator tots, cheese
 hominy, spinach, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello
 salad
 Tomato spice cake or
 chocolate sundae cups
 Hot rolls or cornbread
 Wednesday... Roast
 beef brisket/brown
 gravy or cook's choice
 Mashed potatoes, fried
 okra, carrots, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello
 salad
 Butter pecan cake or
 coconut creme pie
 Hot rolls or cornbread
 Thursday... Chicken
 strips or barbecue
 beef/onion rings
 Potato salad, creme
 corn, turnip greens,
 baked beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello
 salad
 Black forest cake or
 lemon icebox pie
 Hot rolls or cornbread
 Friday... Catfish and
 hushpuppies or meat-
 balls and spaghetti

Potato wedges, broc-
 coli casserole, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello
 salad
 Brownies or tapioca
 cups
 Garlic breadsticks, hot
 rolls cornbread

Pampa ISD menu
 April 20
 Mini corndogs or
 pizza
 Green beans
 Sliced carrots
 Pineapple tidbits
 Hot roll
 Breakfast: biscuit,
 gravy
 April 21
 Macaroni and cheese
 or chicken nuggets
 English peas
 Tossed salad
 Peaches
 Hot roll
 Breakfast: french toast
 sticks
 April 22
 Barbeque on
 Peaches
 Hot roll
 Breakfast
 French toast sticks
 April 22
 Barbeque on a bun or
 pizza dippers
 Baked beans
 Carrot sticks
 Mixed fruit
 Breakfast: cinnamon
 toast
 April 23
 Hot and spicy chicken
 strips
 or beef and cheese
 nachos
 Corn
 Broccoli florets
 Applesauce
 Breakfast: waffle
 sticks
 April 24
 Bean and cheese burri-
 to or hamburger
 French fries
 Burger salad
 Fresh fruit
 Chocolate cake
 Breakfast: Cereal,
 toast

Briarwood Kid's Cafe
 April 23
 Frito Pie
 Beans
 Salad
 Dessert
 Drink
 April 21
 Beef and cheese
 nachos
 Beans
 Salad
 Dessert
 Drink
 Wilson Kids
 April 20
 Soup and sandwich
 Lettuce, tomato
 Dessert
 Drink

April national safe digging month

AUSTIN—With the top cause of pipeline accidents in Texas due to third-party damage or people digging into or near underground pipelines, the state's pipeline safety regulators—the Texas Railroad Commissioners—remind homeowners and anyone with spring digging projects to call 811 before digging.

The Common Ground Alliance, a group of public safety stakeholders including the Railroad Commission, has designated April as National Safe Digging Month, recognizing that as weather warms up, homeowners begin to excavate new gardens, build decks or patios, plant trees and shrubs, and put in new fences or mailboxes.

"In Texas, more than 76 percent of all pipeline accidents are caused by third-party digging by contractors, landscapers or homeowners," said Chairman Victor Carrillo. "That's why it's important to remember to call 811 before you dig deeper than 16 inches to have underground pipelines marked."

Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones said, "Texas has 200,000 miles of intrastate pipeline—more intrastate pipelines than any other state in the nation. To make sure you do not hit a line when doing yard work, call toll-free to 811 at least 48 hours before you plan to dig."

Commission Michael L. Williams said, "As part of educating the public about the importance of calling 811 before digging, the Commission reminds homeowners that they can be fined if damage to underground pipelines occurs due to careless digging, and that operators can be fined for incorrectly marking pipelines."

Striking underground pipelines can cause injuries, disrupt services to neighborhoods and result in fines and repair costs.

So far in Fiscal Year 09, 6,831 third-party incidents or about 228 per week have been reported to the Commission. The Commission has processed 2,268 of these 6,831 incidents into enforcement dockets, collecting \$577,680 in penalties.

For more information about digging safely, see the Railroad Commission website at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/programs/damageprevention/index.php> or see the Texas One Call Board website <http://www.texas-onecall.com/>.

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Number of active oil rigs falls by 30

HOUSTON (AP)—The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States fell by 30 this week to 975, down nearly half from a year ago.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 760 were exploring for natural gas and 205 for oil, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. A total of 10 were listed as miscellaneous.

A year ago, the rig count stood at 1,827. The U.S. count is down 52 percent since the end of August as weak energy demand has hampered oil-field activity.

Oil prices peaked at almost \$150 a barrel in July before plunging. Light, sweet crude for May

delivery rose 54 cents to \$50.52 a barrel in trading Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma lost 11 rigs, Texas lost 10, Arkansas and New Mexico each lost three, Alaska lost two and North Dakota dropped one. Colorado added two rigs and California, Louisiana and Wyoming were unchanged.

Baker Hughes has tracked rig counts since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 in 1981, during the height of the oil boom. The industry posted several record lows in 1999, bottoming out at 488.



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Travis Elementary School honor roll

Travis Elementary
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The deadline to enter the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant is fast approaching. All entries are due in the rodeo office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2009. Open to young ladies ages 14-24, this pageant will be held in conjunction with the 63rd annual Top O' Texas Rodeo August 13, 14 & 15. Rodeo week in Pampa will kick off on Saturday, August 8, with the Top O' Texas Junior Rodeo. Little cowboys and cow-girls ages 7 and under will participate in the Kid Pony Show on Sunday, August 9.

The annual barbecue will be held prior to the Thursday, August 13, rodeo performance and is free to all ticket holders. The rodeo parade is scheduled for Saturday, August 15. Rodeo dances will be held on Friday and Saturday nights at the Top Of Texas Norris Pavilion. For more information on the Top O' Texas Rodeo or the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant contact the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, 806-669-0434.

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Texas Forest Expo is scheduled for April 24-26, 2009, at the Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe. It kicks off Friday with vendor booths and exhibitors only. It then gears up Saturday and Sunday with free classes, live demonstrations and an

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Recent Texas rains help crops but more needed

BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — South Plains cotton producer Don Langston didn't get as much rain this past weekend as he'd wanted, but it was enough for now.

Langston farms just south of Lubbock, the hub of the world's largest cotton patch, and got less than a half-inch of rain from showers that moved across the region Saturday and Sunday.

"We were very glad for it," said Langston, who is still preparing his field for planting cotton in a few more weeks. "It's allowing us to go in there and pitch out sand from the rows. We've been doing that all morning."

Recent rains across most of Texas the past week gave agricultural producers a glimmer of hope for greening pastures and soil wet enough for planting. In the past seven days, every part of the state except south Texas got some rain.

Northeast Texas benefited the most, with some places receiving as much as 2 inches. The rains also helped hundreds of firefighters extinguish wind-whipped grassfires that have killed three people and scorched thousands of acres since igniting Thursday in counties along the Oklahoma border near Wichita Falls.

A lot of fencing burned in the fires but the rain also brought life to parched pastures.

"It'll make that grass come back on," said Dave Scott, president of the Fort Worth-based Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. "Hope for more. Hope for more."

The grass growth, though encouraging, is far from enough.

"You're not going to get significant grazing off that," said Travis Miller, Texas AgriLife Extension Service drought specialist.

Cattle producers' losses to the ongoing drought, about 94 percent of the state is in some stage of dryness, continue to mount with supplemental feed purchases or sales of cattle and calves in a declining market, officials have said.

A month ago state agriculture officials estimated ranchers in the nation's largest cattle-producing state had already lost nearly \$1 billion to the drought. Officials said then cattle raisers had lost \$829 million since last summer, \$569 million of that since November, and that those losses would rise.

In 2006, drought-related crop and livestock losses were the state's worst for a single year, totaling \$4.1 billion.

South Texas desperately needs rain, said Victor Murphy of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "That area is still getting worse," he said.

Brownsville has seen only about 1.2 inches of precipitation since Dec 1, the second driest such span on record, and the driest since 1952. The normal is 5.5 inches.

In McAllen, where records go back to only 1961, Dec. 1 to April 13 was the driest ever, with only 1.13 inches.

Bandera County, just northwest of San Antonio where the worst stage of drought has persisted since early January, is seeing improvement.

Still the area around Tarpley remains behind by about 15 inches, said Central Texas rancher Debbie Davis.

Davis' ranch got about 2.5 inches about three weeks ago and another third of an inch Sunday.

"Our attitude is better," she said. "I can't say the drought is broken; wide-spread rain has not happened yet, but it's starting to look like spring."

Davis said her husband ascribes to a theory about weather patterns: When it goes dry, it stays dry; when it starts to rain, more rains

come. "We're keeping our fingers crossed," she said.

Langston hopes the Davises are right. He said he'll need some good rains before planting, about 3 inches to fill the soil profile. Rains in September went deep.

"It's the top foot that's real dry," the 69-year-old farmer said. "We need enough rain for the top moisture to meet what's down deep."

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Chief Executive Richard Anderson told employees in a recorded message late Thursday night that the world's biggest airline operator is in the process of bringing all customer calls back in-house in the U.S.

Customer calls were no longer forwarded to India as of the first quarter of this year, Anderson said. Foreign call centers remain in Jamaica and South Africa, though Anderson indicated that staffing at those locations likely will be reduced in the future as the global financial crisis cuts call volume.

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WORKS IN PROGRESS



At left, Donna Cornutt is shown working on a watercolor painting she is preparing for the annual Pampa Art Club exhibit to be held on May 5 and 6.

Below, Pampa Art Club members Peggy Palmitier, Dee Gill and Marilyn Lee work on pieces to be shown at the exhibit.

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In recession, some child's play is still free

By ANNE WALLACE ALLEN

For The Associated Press
Grandparents are often known to say that in their day, kids didn't need paid entertainment; play was free.

Play is still free — if you know where to look.

Parks, nature centers, and other outdoor spaces are a great bargain for families. And kids really enjoy them, said Michelle Hurty, a Boise, Idaho, mother of two who often brings her kids to the Foothills Learning Center, a city-run nonprofit that includes plenty of room to roam.

"There are definitely times we have to prod them" to go outside, said Hurty of her kids, ages 10 and 7. But once they're out there, she said, they become absorbed in what they're doing, even if it's cold or rainy.

"They totally will surprise you," she said. "It's amazing what they get into. Once they're outside, I can't get them back inside."

Astronomy

As it happens, 2009 is the International Year of Astronomy, the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of a telescope to study the skies. The anniversary is being observed around the world, with plenty of astronomers eager to share what they know.

A good place to find experts is at a local university's astronomy or physics department, said Pete Mendygral, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota's astronomy department in Minneapolis. Many colleges and universities, and even high schools, have telescopes or planetariums as well.

Mendygral's department lends out its experts to groups large and small, and like other astronomy institutions around the country holds public "star parties" where visitors can look through telescopes and learn about what they are seeing. Mendygral said he's often amazed at how much children already do

know about astronomy. To find star-related events in your area, try <http://astronomy2009.us>, the home page for the International Year of Astronomy.

Museums

Even kids who seem uninterested in history or culture surprise themselves with the discoveries they make in museums.

A 2008 study commissioned by the American Association of Museums found that when it comes to entertainment, kids enjoy authentic experiences, said Dewey Blanton, media relations director for the association.

"It seems kind of counterintuitive, since they live in a virtual world these days between the Web and video games, yet they crave the real thing," said Blanton.

"When I can go down the street and see George Washington's actual Virginia militia uniform it's just fascinating," said Blanton, referring to the National Museum of American History near his workplace in Washington, D.C. "And kids love it."

Of the estimated 17,500 museums in the United States, about 35 percent are free, said Blanton, whose organization includes zoos.

"At museums these days kids can push and pull and play," said Blanton. "It's certainly much more of a bargain than theme parks and professional sporting events."

To find a museum near you, go to "about Museums" on the AAM Web site at www.aam.com. It lists everything from the Arkansas Country Doctor Museum in Lincoln, Ark., to the Bar Harbor Whale Museum in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Fine Arts

Colleges and universities offer a tremendous selection of free music and theater.

Boston University's College of Fine Arts has nearly 400 events per year, and 98 percent of them are

free, said spokeswoman Jean Connaughton. Concerts feature students and faculty; the theater school also offers student performances.

"Our students go on to perform in every major symphony orchestra in the country; our opera singers go on to sing in the greatest opera houses," said Connaughton.

Other universities also offer high-caliber performances at low cost. "Our venues are small and our tickets are free," said Connaughton. "Our students go on to have these phenomenal careers. This is your chance to see them right before they break into their professions."

National Parks

Western national parks, such as Yellowstone and Bryce Canyon, generally charge fees; the eastern national parks are often free, though there are exceptions.

National Parks offer a lot for families who love history — including the many Civil War battlefields in the eastern United States. This year, the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the Lincoln Home

National Historic Site in Springfield, Ill., is holding commemorative events throughout the year.

To find a park near you, go to www.nps.gov and use the state-by-state search tool on the Home page. T

Explore

Or just head outside, even if it's only to put up a tent in the backyard. The key is to get into a new situation that offers kids a chance to explore.

"It's nice to feel a sense of freedom and wildness," said Hurty, a runner whose family spends a lot of time enjoying the wilderness outside their home in Boise. "They find sticks, they find rocks, they make little forts."

"Part of my memories are of leaving the house in the morning, roaming the neighborhood, and not coming home until our parents called us for food," said Hurty. "I try to recreate that with my kids. I want my kids to be comfortable out there."

This man is a White House dog's best friend

NEW YORK (AP) — Of all Barry H. Landau's anecdotes about his friendships with presidential dogs — and trust us, he has lots of 'em — perhaps the best is the one about the time the Clinton White House called to postpone his playdate with Buddy.

Yes, Landau is both human and an adult — a 60-year-old author, presidential historian, former White House protocol officer and memorabilia collector. But so enamored is he of dogs, and so well connected to a succession of presidents, that he had an appointment for a South Lawn romp one day with Buddy, Bill Clinton's Labrador retriever.

Not surprisingly, this is a happy week for Landau, with the new Obama family dog, Bo, joining a White House tradition that dates to George Washington. It's one that Landau feels is invaluable to a presidency.

"Having a dog just humanizes a president," he says. "It completes the picture. It's something people can relate to."

And Landau has related to the best of them. He's known about 25 White House dogs since the Eisenhower administration. Among the presidential-pooch memorabilia in his Manhattan apartment are matching orange inaugural dog coats worn by LBJ's twin beagles, Him and Her, and a photo of Landau kissing Clipper, JFK's German shepherd.

Landau's dog tale begins in 1958, at age 10. He had been invited to the Eisenhower White House following a chance encounter with the first lady. The president let Landau frolic with his beloved Weimaraner, Heidi.

A history of high-profile canine encounters had begun.

The Kennedy White House was a virtual Noah's Ark — a cat, a canary, a rabbit named Zsa Zsa, parakeets, hamsters, ponies (including Caroline's famous Macaroni), and a number of dogs. Landau, who had gone to summer camp with members of Jackie Kennedy's family, got to know them all, including Pushinka, offspring of a Soviet space dog.

Then came LBJ's beagles. And Richard Nixon's famous Checkers, whom Landau met during his vice presidential campaign. But it was another Nixon dog, King Timahoe, who was Landau's true friend.

"I used to take him to Serendipity when the president was in New York," he says, referring to a Manhattan restaurant. "They'd give him an extra-long hot dog."

It was Gerald Ford who hired Landau as assistant chief of protocol in the White House — actually the third time he had worked at the mansion in various capacities — and Landau thinks it was because of a dog. At an Iranian Embassy event, the Shah of Iran was amused when Landau barked as the ambassador's dog came by. As Landau recounts it, the Shah told Ford he would like to speak to the barking guy.

Jimmy Carter didn't have a dog, but Landau bonded with the Reagans, for whom he continued to do free-lance protocol work, over Rex (a King Charles spaniel) and Lucky (a Bouvier). He was also deeply fond of Millie, the pooch from the first Bush administration.

And then there was Buddy, whom Clinton acquired in 1997, not long before the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke. "Buddy was a true comfort to him," says Landau, who once had Tiffany dog tags made for the pooch. "They went through a lot together."

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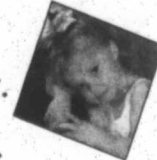
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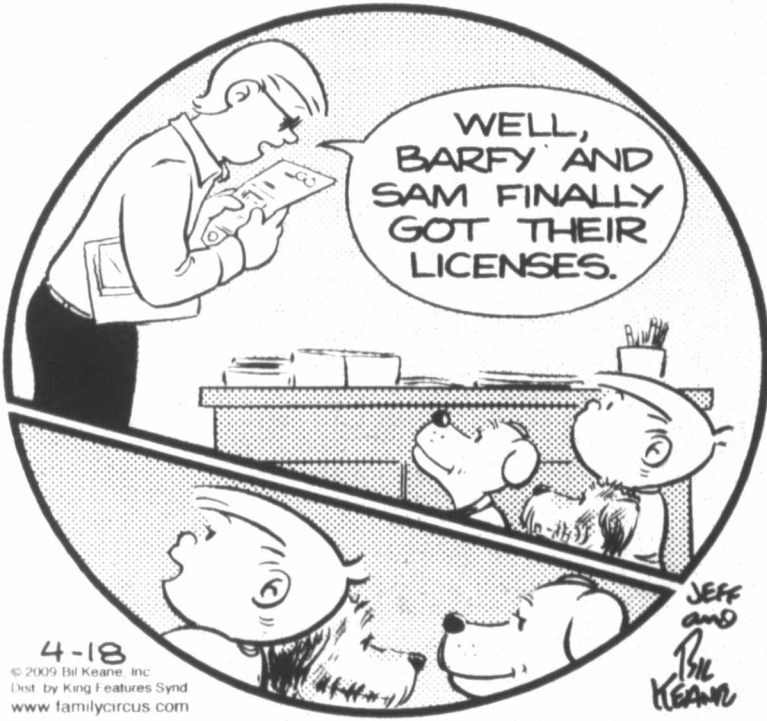
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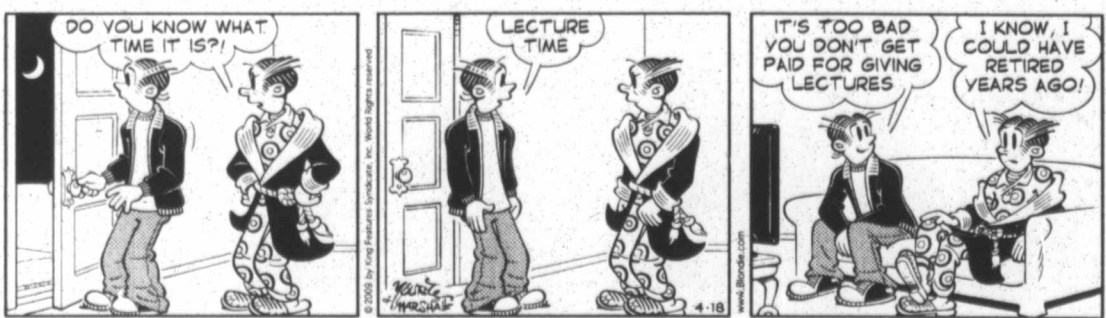
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POWER EQUIPMENT SALES & RENTAL

Lessons learned, systems upgraded since massive wild fires of 2006

By David Bowers

No matter how well prepared a fire department is, local firefighters agree, it's never enough. That was Texas Panhandle, having signed a million-acre and killing 13 people, including one firefighter.

Gray County Emergency Coordinator Greg Millican said that lessons learned during the massive wildfires that swept across Hutchinson, Carson, Gray and Roberts Counties, LeFlore, Atkinson, Skellytown, Pampa, LeFlore, Atkinson, McLean and Miami, are still being put into practice.

Next week, the county will begin making letters and numbers to post on the tops of county vehicles so they can be identified by aircraft above a fire scene and directed more efficiently.

Much of the old fire fighting equipment in the area that had been damaged or lost during the wildfires has been replaced and upgraded.



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

Chief you don't understand. There's a fire as far as we can see.

While the equipment replacements and upgrades from funding through state and federal sources took time, the strategic plans began to be developed.

"There were a few lessons learned," Millican said. "The state says it's coming from Katrina, but up here in the Panhandle we know where these thoughts are coming from. It may come from us and go to Austin and come back, but we know where a lot of this is coming from."

These days are pretty well embedded.

File — cont. on page 3

What do the people have in common? Our readers think they know. See Page 18.

County meets M

The county jail, the airport and drug agenda for the Gray County Commission Monday morning.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The way my mother dresses has me so embarrassed I don't want to be seen in public with her. Her hair looks as if she's stuck her finger in a light socket, her clothes are three sizes too big, she wears no makeup. It looks as if she just rolled out of bed, no matter where she is going.

Mom held a dinner party for my birthday, and even my boyfriend did a double take when he walked in and saw her wearing a giant T-shirt that came to her mid-thigh. Abby, she wasn't even wearing a bra! When I mentioned it to her the next day, she just laughed it off.

I take pride in my appearance. I realize that not everyone is as concerned as I am about their appearance. But shouldn't she respect others enough to at least look decent? Am I being conceited, or should she be given a makeover? -- **MORTIFIED** IN EUGENE

DEAR MORTIFIED: Has your mother always been unkempt and careless about her appearance, or is this something new? If it's some-

thing new, then she does not need a makeover; she needs a checkup from her doctor. If she has always presented herself this way, then I doubt she is open to change. Makeovers can work wonders, but they are successful only if the person is willing to admit that one is needed.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother died while I was out of the country on a two-week vacation. My dad left when I was in second grade, and she raised me along with my mother. We were very close. I always took care of her and made time to spend with her.

Although she had been in poor health for two years, Grandma was not in critical condition when I left. She passed away three days before I was to return, and my family held her funeral the day before I arrived.

I had expressed my wishes that they wait if at all possible. They did not, and I feel betrayed. We have always been close, and now I am so hurt and angry that I don't even want to see them. Can you offer any advice? -- **CRUSHED** IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR CRUSHED: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. It is regrettable that the funeral could not be postponed, but there may have been extenuating circumstances.

Your feelings of anger are a part of your grieving process, and it is important that you work them through. It would be helpful for you to discuss this with your clergyman so he or she can guide you to a grief support group. Please don't wait. The sooner you resolve this, the better it will be for you and your family, who I am sure are also grieving.

DEAR ABBY: When dining out and someone asks for the salt (or any other item at the table) should you (a) use it first and then pass it, or (b) pass it first and then ask for it back? -- **BETH** IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.

DEAR BETH: When someone asks you to pass the salt, you should hand both the salt and pepper shakers at the same time, without helping yourself first. The same goes for any other item.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

7	3	9	6	5	2	8	4	1
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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 20, 2009:
This year, aim for precisely what you want. If you have a certain project, goal or desire, an opportunity could help make it a reality. The planets will root you on. You will be able to enlist support and get direction. You come from a basic point of view. Be smart — broaden your horizons. You discover the power of travel, study and detachment in eliminating or dropping rigid thinking. If you are single and want to change your status, this year presents many options. Friends will play an even more dominant role. If you are attached, the two of you working as a team will realize one of your mutual dreams. PISCES comes through when you need him or her to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Zero in on what you need to do. Your clarity and style work. The end result will be that several people will rethink their decisions and transform their stances. As you know, a realization works better than forcing your opinion on others. Tonight: Where the action is. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
Your leadership and intellect take you down a new path, opening doors and helping you grow. Investigate alterna-

tives, even if you might be a bit hesitant. "New" can be scary, and a knee-jerk reaction might stem from there. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends. **CANCER** (June 21-July 2)
Look at the end results and do some research, especially if you would have preferred another outcome. People in general seem to be changing right before your very eyes. Understand, though their transformation might be more marked right now, it is a continuous phase. Tonight: Choose your favorite mind candy. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
Work with someone closely, and you'll see life through renewed eyes. Observe and get to the bottom of a problem with this perspective. Your ability to understand what is happening and then communicate the information helps. Tonight: A must appearance. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Defer to others and listen. You might be surprised by everything that you see. How you let others know is your choice. Your creativity smolders. Follow another's lead. Realize your alternatives; seek out experts. Tonight: Sort through your choices. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Tune in to your needs and realize what is happening. Are you selling yourself short? A partner understands what is going on with someone you have to deal with. Get as much done as you can, professionally. Stick with the basics. Tonight: Happy at home. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Plug your imagination in where it counts. You might want to change your perspective about someone who is a stick in the mud. This person is changing right in front of you. Listen to what others are

saying. Tonight: Fun and games. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You can only do so much. Stay centered, but willingly say "enough." An investment is very important in your future. Listen to different suggestions with the knowledge that you are heading in the right direction. Tonight: Order in. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Keep your communication active and flowing. How you want to proceed depends on how energized you are about a cause or topic. Don't feel like you are the victim in your life, but the creator of your life. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or a loved one. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Kick back and get to the bottom of a problem. Listen to news that heads in your direction with a touch of cynicism. Your hunch on a money matter could be right-on. Weigh the pros and cons of a risk before you leap. Tonight: Pay bills. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
You might be all smiles but handle a situation differently. The end result will be substantially different. Understand how many options you can open up with a little luck and time. Note a change within yourself about your friends. Tonight: As you like.

BORN TODAY
Artist Joan Miro (1893), German leader Adolf Hitler (1889), actress Jessica Lange (1949)

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 19, 2009:
This year, you could make waves professionally. Follow an independent track, even if you are a bit uncomfortable. Know what possibilities lie ahead. Study the ramifications, especially concerning a boss. A friend could add that element of mystery and imagination to your life. This person could be a touch flaky. If you are single, you will meet people just by being out. Be a skeptic before you decide this person is the one. Time is your ally. If you are attached, the two of you need to join together in a common goal. Talk about your long-term aims. Make them a reality together. PISCES can be quite an unusual and exciting friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The moment allows for greater flex and flow. Your imagination plays out, especially when out and about. A discussion with a respected and/or older relative could increase this tendency to escape into fantasy. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."
This Week: Monday and Tuesday, others bend in your direction. Close your door in order to get your done. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
Reach out for others; make Sunday calls. You could hear some news or information that is off. Wait until you have the whole story. Go to a movie or concert. Relaxing to music eliminates tension. Tonight: Answer e-mail.
This Week: Expect to lead, and expect success. A positive attitude goes far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Establish more centering and a better sense of direction through a long-overdue talk with a key partner or loved one. Together you are creative and dynamic. Lose the word "no." Tonight: Share over dinner.
This Week: Do research. Act only when you are sure of yourself. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
Others seem more adaptable and friendly than they have been in a long time. Be willing to experiment and do something very different. Your imagination plugs in, creating an interesting rapport with others. Tonight: Sort through your choices.
This Week: Focus on one person and one issue at a time. Reach out for more information if you need to. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Sometimes getting into a project can be as rewarding as having a wild time, especially for Virgo. Whatever you choose, make sure you love it. Don't count on being left alone right now! Tonight: Go with a last-minute invitation. What do you care?
This Week: Others demand center stage. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Just be present and available. A child or loved one touches base with you. If you join in, a good time is had by all. Express that innate playfulness. A partner wants to share more. Tonight: Let your hair down and forget about tomorrow.
This Week: Dig into work, as by Wednesday you want to socialize. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
If you don't feel like doing much, don't. Just enjoy yourself with family, and invite a friend or two over. Make it OK to maintain a low profile. Rest up, because soon enough you will be in demand. Tonight: Be that Scorpio we all love.
This Week: Unbottle your creativity, and the next few days could be dynamic. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Listen to news that heads in

your direction. In fact, everyone is ready to share, as your phone keeps ringing and you keep hearing "you've got mail." Visit and catch up on others' news. Tonight: Have a barbecue. Invite a friendly neighbor or two.
This Week: Take a personal day Monday. Wednesday on, you are a force to be dealt with. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Curb wild spending. If you need to make a purchase, be smart and do some research. You might not know exactly which way to go. Wait until you are absolutely certain whether it is a purchase or an invitation. Tonight: Suddenly you perk up — now what? You decide.
This Week: Speak and let your opinions be known. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your personality draws many. Share a flight of fancy or a long-term wish. Others put in their two cents. Somewhere along the way, you see a new path to a key objective. Don't get stubborn at the last minute. Tonight: What would you like to do?
This Week: Curb a tendency to be possessive or materialistic. Speak your mind once you are clear. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
Vanish — rarely do you have the opportunity to take a day off. Whether exploring a museum or walking in a field of flowers, it makes no difference. Recharge in a different environment. A discussion needs to be postponed. Tonight: Whatever feels right.
This Week: Monday, you are on a roll. Maintain this pace if you can.

BORN TODAY
Actress Jayne Mansfield (1933), actor Dudley Moore (1935), actress Ashley Judd (1968)

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1 Public Notice

BID NOTICE

The Roberts County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one truck-tractor, new or used, in accordance with the following specifications:
Engine: 425 HP Minimum
Transmission: 13 speed or more
Front Axle: 12,000#
FXL 12, 12,000# Suspension
Rear Axle: 8,000# Ratio 4:17, 40,000# suspension
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Wheels: 24.5X25 Steel
Disc (10 hole)
Ratings: GVW: 50,000#, GCW: 80,000#
Fifth Wheel: Bracket Height 8'12"
Day Cab, Engine Break, Air Suspension
Detailed specifications are available at the Roberts County Judge's office, address and contract information is listed below.
Bids should be submitted to the Roberts County Commissioners' Court, Attn: Vernon H. Cook, County Judge, Box 478, Miami, Texas 79059 on or before 9:00 A.M., May 11, 2009 or hand delivered to the Judge's Office at 122 E. Water Street prior to said time. Questions regarding this notice may be addressed by calling 806-868-3721 during normal business hours. Roberts County hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids presented in response to this notice.

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PhotoChaining: Global art project, or game

MELISSA RAYWORTH For The Associated Press
Next time you step into a taxi or sit down in a restaurant, take a good look around. You might stumble across a digital memory card, not lost or stolen, but left there deliberately for you to find.
Don't worry: This isn't international espionage, or a drug drop gone awry. It's a piece of Renaud Dehareng's latest online creation, a global art project and scavenger hunt called PhotoChaining.
The rules, should you wish to join in, are simple: Take some photos with an inexpensive memory card, then place the card in a clear plastic sandwich bag. Include a note identifying the card (give it a one-word name) and ask the person who finds it to upload one image to PhotoChaining.com.
Once that's done, the

person who found the card begins the process anew, keeping the card's name but filling it with fresh images to be found by yet another stranger.
"My hope is to make the project universal," says 33-year-old Dehareng, via e-mail from his home in Brussels. His goals, he says, are "fun, culture, and especially promotion of creativity."
So far, the project is small. In the months since the site was launched, images from 24 cards have been uploaded. They've popped up in European and U.S. cities, and three cards (named Ben, Franz and Lola) have been used twice.
Others may have been dropped and not yet found, or perhaps pocketed by someone more interested in a free memory card than a global game of lost-and-found.

"It's nice to know that the same memory card could take a photo of Central Park one day," says Dehareng, "and five days later a photo of the opera in Sydney."
But will any of the cards get to make that trip? Or will PhotoChaining get lost in the overcrowded marketplace that is the Internet?
At the well-trafficked sites bookcrossing.com and wheresgeorge.com, you can follow the progress of a book or dollar bill that was once in your possession. PhotoChaining ups the ante by making things more personal. The object that's floating out there, after all, is your own photography.
That may be enough to draw a healthy audience of those who seek "anonymous intimacy" these days, says Jeff Ferrell, pro-

fessor of sociology at Texas Christian University.
"There's this fascinating tension between people seeking a kind of intimate connection, and yet often doing it in a way that preserves that anonymity," Ferrell says. "You enjoy and savor an intimate sense of another person, and yet also savor the fact that there's a certain buffer between you and them."
In our real lives, "we all want to be intimate. But we're not always in a situation where we can be," says blogger Romi Lassally. She's the creator of TrueMomConfessions.com, where women anonymously open up about their worst parenting and marital sins or just let loose with complaints or comments they'd never share face-to-face.
The sad fact, she says, is that "someone is more apt

to pick up a memory card with a name on it in a cab, than talk to their cab driver."
Dehareng has launched two similar viral projects in recent weeks, hoping to create a critical mass.
One is MessageinaMemoryCard.blogspot.com, which works just like PhotoChaining but specifies that the images found on the memory card should be photos of written messages.
The other is Namelessletter.com, which asks people to slip bookmarks into their favorite

books at libraries worldwide. Nearly 50 have been logged thus far. (In a charming bit of familial cross-promotion, the Namelessletter site includes a link to a page of oil paintings by Dehareng's brother Marc, who helps run all three sites.)
"Photography is a wonderful hobby," Dehareng writes. "If it can become a game too... well, why not?"

Enterprise fund companies count part-time jobs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Failed bank Washington Mutual and other companies receiving taxpayer money to bring jobs to Texas routinely count part-time positions toward their promised full-time employee totals, a practice Gov. Rick Perry's office defends as acceptable.
In the case of Washington Mutual, after receiving \$15 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to create 4,200 "new full-time employment positions" by 2011, the company adjusted its job tally in a 2008 report to Perry to include part-time workers "who when combined, constitute a full time employee working a 40 hour work week."
The Associated Press obtained the document using the Texas Public Information Act.
Neither WaMu, now owned by JPMorgan Chase, nor the governor's office would say how many part-time jobs the bank has counted in its Texas job creation totals.
Chase spokesman Greg Hassell said since signing the state contract in 2005, Washington Mutual/Chase has decreased its number of part-time employees in Texas by 200 positions, while adding far more full-time positions. The company fell short of its overall job creation target last year, however.
Calculating part-time jobs to satisfy full-time job requirements is common among companies receiving grants from the enterprise fund, an account the governor uses to lure businesses to the state, said Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger.
"For compliance purposes, a combination of part-time jobs that equate to the full-time job definition are acceptable in meeting job targets," she said.
Meanwhile, Perry has been at odds with the

Legislature over part-time jobs in another vein.
The governor rejected \$550 million in federal economic stimulus money for the state's struggling unemployment insurance fund — even though there are lawmakers from both political parties who want to take the money — because Perry says it could make the state pay benefits to people seeking part-time work and force other expansions to the system.
Once the federal stimulus money runs out, Texas employers would be left paying the additional bill, Perry contends.
The AFL-CIO wants to expand unemployment benefits to people seeking part-time work and says it's inconsistent for Perry to count part-time jobs in his economic development efforts but not for workers seeking employment.
"That certainly seems like an imbalance to us," said Texas AFL-CIO spokesman Ed Sills.
Sills said adding up part-time jobs to satisfy full-time job promises is likely a big cost savings to companies because they may not be paying benefits such as health insurance to part-time workers. If that's going on, it should be made known to the public, he said.
"You don't necessarily get a whole from two halves when you look at this," he said. "People have a right to expect that these are solid, middle-class jobs that allow people to support families."
State Rep. Jim Dunning, a Waco Democrat who heads a House committee overseeing use of federal stimulus money, said Perry is being hypocritical in saying it's OK for companies to get state money to create part-time jobs, but that he doesn't want unemployed workers receiving state benefits to be able to apply for those jobs.

And, Dunning said, Perry's stance on the unemployment stimulus money is based on "entirely fabricated" information. He said federal officials aren't requiring people displaced from part-time jobs to be covered. One of several options for using the stimulus money is to allow the unemployed to seek available part-time work, he said.
Dunning said he didn't know Perry's office was allowing part-time job calculations by enterprise fund companies, but he said he isn't surprised because the enterprise fund has been "resoundingly unsuccessful" since its creation in 2003.
"It's not creating the jobs that it has been represented to do, and so they're going to count anybody who works 15 minutes if they can," he said.
Cesinger said in allowing part-time jobs to be counted by enterprise fund recipients, Perry is foster-

ing a climate of job creation.
As for the unemployed, she said, "Under the current system, unemployed Texans who lose their job through no fault of their own, including part-time workers seeking full-time employment, are covered and will remain covered."
Perry is asking the Legislature to replenish the enterprise fund and its sister account, the Emerging Technology Fund used for startups and research. The Texas House of Representatives is considering its version of the state budget Friday containing money for the two funds, though less than Perry wanted.
Perry has come under fire for shifting money from the enterprise fund to the emerging tech fund to help pay for a research center in the Texas A&M University System. Some lawmakers are pressing for more legislative oversight of the two funds.

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