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Pampa chosen for next gen 9-1-1

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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Beginning in June, The Pampa Police Department will be one of two facilities in the panhandle with an Internet Protocol capable 9-1-1 call system.

The Next Generation 9-1-1 or NG9-1-1 call system will be installed as part of a state-wide effort to update the 9-1-1 call systems that have been in place since the 1966, when the first 9-1-1 call was received.

According to Greg Green, Program director Regional 911 network for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Pampa was chosen as the location because of its call volume, superior facility and professional department.

"There is a culture of professionalism throughout that agency that gives us a lot of confidence that we can put equipment there," Green explained about the Pampa Police Department. "The department has a good environment, and they were willing to provide a lot of room for the special conditions the system requires. The Pampa PD has a very nice facility and overall culture."

"We are ready and excited," said Debbie McDonald, dispatch supervisor for the Pampa Police Department. McDonald said she has been with dispatch for eight years, and served the city 12 years before that. She said the IP system and other improvements make this an exciting time for Pampa dispatchers.

The new system is a significant upgrade, which will eventually allow 9-1-1 dispatchers to receive emergency transmissions through text messages, digital images, On Star automatic crash notifications and other forms of transitions.

The current operating system, the Legacy system, has gone through modifications in the past, considering

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GERANIUM TIME



Gray County 4-Hers are eager to sell geraniums at their annual sale slated April 30- May 1 in the Coronado Center parking lot. The sale will be from 5-8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday. The sale is a fund-raiser to support local 4-H activities during the year. For questions about the sale of the geraniums, call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Gray County office at 669-8033. Among the numerous 4-Hers selling geraniums will be Kristin Bivins, Jennifer Huffines, Blake Chisum, Emma Chisum, Isaiah Chisum, Blaine McGinty, and Laura Kirkland. Please come out and show these youth and others your support of the 4-H program in Gray County.

Wheeler grand jury hands up 8 indictments

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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A Wheeler County Grand Jury handed up eight indictments in the 31st Judicial District Court on April 16.

Garrett Moore, 20, was indicted for aggravated robbery. Bond was set on the second-degree felon at \$50,000.

On August 14, 2008, Moore allegedly committed theft of property with intent to obtain or maintain control of the property, intentionally or knowingly threatened or place Kim Rigsby in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, using a weapon unknown to the grand jury.

Anthony Lee Joe Mata, 21, was indicted for aggravated robbery. Bond was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

On August 14, 2008, Mata allegedly committed theft of property with intent to obtain or maintain control of the property, intentionally or knowingly threatened or place Kim Rigsby in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, using a weapon unknown to the grand jury.

Shawn Raymond Mata, 28, was indicted for aggravated robbery. Bond

was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

On August 14, 2008, Mata allegedly committed theft of property with intent to obtain or maintain control of the property, intentionally or knowingly threatened or place Kim Rigsby in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, using a weapon unknown to the grand jury.

Tyneshia Shantee Jimerson, 26, was indicted for possession of marijuana, greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$20,000.

On November 17, 2008, Jimerson allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana in an amount more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Floyd Henry Hunt, 31, was indicted for possession of marijuana, greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$20,000.

On November 17, 2008, Hunt allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a useable quantity of marijuana

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City, county sharing grant

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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Gray County Sheriff's Office and the Pampa Police Department are working together to get significant upgrades to both facilities, through federal stimulus grants.

Upgrades are anticipated to take place in August. Although the grant has not been approved, both departments are optimistic about receiving the helpful funds.

"There is no guarantee," PPD Chief Donny Hooper explained, "but there is a good chance because we have shown that we are spending the money responsibly."

Both departments would share, split halfway, a grant for \$58,567. Each department would receive \$29,283.53. GCSO will use the money to update and acquire new cameras for security in the Gray County Jail. The cameras will be placed throughout the facility to provide superior surveillance, something that is much needed according to Sheriff Don Copeland.

Copeland said in a recent meeting with the County Commission that the cameras will help monitor activity in parts of the facility which are not currently monitored, like the booking area.

Hooper said that the PPD will use the funds to update technical features in the patrol cars, including wireless modems for laptops, digital video equipment, radar equipment, eight new portable radios, shelving instal-

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Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. Northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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House OKs efforts to grow research universities

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Seven universities in Texas may soon be competing for money to help them become major research centers under a bill approved by the House Friday.

The measure would create three potential funding pools for "emerging research universities" — but only if the Legislature puts the money into the program.

The House unanimously voted to send the measure to the Senate.

Dallas Republican Rep. Dan Branch, the author of the measure, said 10,000 students a year go out of state because there aren't enough major research universities in Texas.

"We're losing \$2.7 billion a year, and we're running some of our best and brightest out of the state," Branch said, adding that Texas needs to catch up to other large states like California, which has nine Tier One research universities.

Texas currently has three nationally recognized Tier One schools — the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University and Rice University.

Under the bill, seven schools identified as emerging research centers by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board — including Texas Tech University and the University of Houston — could compete for research funding.

In the past, schools struggling to gain a national research reputation had individually sought funding without much luck.

"Once you try to do that, then the other people say 'Hey what about us?'" Branch said. "So this is a way to set up a competition for everyone to participate."

The bill creates three possible ways for schools to compete. One of the pools would distribute money based on the amount of research a school does.

Another would partially or fully match private donations to the schools with state money.

Funding will not automatically bring the schools up to a nationally recognized level but the competition aspect allows the schools to prove themselves, officials said.

"It will give the seven institutions an opportunity to break away from the pack," said Raymund Paredes, commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Paredes said each of the seven universities is likely to need heavy funding — as high as \$100 million per year — for 20 to 30 years before they can become Tier One schools.

"(The bill) is a good start — particularly in tough economic times — but nobody believes that we're not going to have to increase funding and sustain it for a good long time before we can get these schools where they need to be," Paredes said.

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Leadership style of new speaker taking shape

APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The role of Texas House speaker isn't defined by the state Constitution, but rather by the individual holding the office. From reform-minded Price Daniel Jr. to the iron-fisted rule of Tom Craddick, circumstances and personalities have dictated each leader's power and prestige.

Three months into his first term leading the 150-member chamber, Republican Speaker Joe Straus is emerging as a bipartisan compromise-seeker, rejecting much of the power that his predecessor so coveted.

Straus still faces some tough tests, but just four years after Craddick was anointed as the most powerful Texan by Texas Monthly magazine, observers say the young GOP leader has shifted power back to the House.

"Not some, probably all," said Rep. Tommy Merritt, a Longview Republican when asked if the speaker has given up some of the office's power. "He's doing exactly what a good speaker should do. He's wielding the gavel and trying to make fair rulings to make the will of the House work for Texas."

Straus' first big victory came last week when the normally raucous House unanimously approved the \$178 billion budget. It was the first time in a decade that the usually thorny state budget came out with 149-0 approval.

In a rare sit-down, on-the-record interview with The Associated Press, Straus said the unanimous vote was the result of weeks of negotiations and compromise.

"No one, right or left, Republican or Democrat, urban or rural, is going to crush somebody by sheer force this session," said Straus, the state's first Jewish speaker.

Though he prefers to shun the spotlight, Straus is well liked around the Capitol. With a thick head of salt-and-pepper hair, his distinguished and polished looks convey his wealthy San Antonio pedigree. He spoke on a wide number of subjects during the nearly hourlong AP interview.

He said he could see both sides of the argument over whether the state should oppose Gov. Rick Perry to accept federal unemployment money, criticized his counterpart in the Senate for hastily taking up a divisive political bill and said Perry has gotten a little overly enthusiastic in suggesting Texans might at some point want to secede.

"I think it's hyperbole," he said. "It's getting the governor so enthusiastic that sometimes I think he gets a little over enthusiastic. I'm the opposite. I'm boring and slow. I'm sure he didn't mean it."

As speaker, Straus sets the agenda in the Texas House and, in terms of political influence, is on par with the governor and lieutenant governor.

His surprise rise to power this year ended an era of bitter partisan division. Craddick's six-year reign yielded the successful passage of an aggressive GOP agenda including curbs on personal injury lawsuits, congressional redistricting and school property tax reductions. But his win-at-all-costs style inspired a House uprising that led to his eventual defeat.

"This is a period of transition," said Michael Phillips, a historian working on a book about the history of Texas speakers. "Straus is not able to, in this period, to really wield the power that that leadership has had, that's been developing for 20 years. His humble objective is to make sure the House functions more smoothly ... but not at the risk of alienating the Democrats that put him into office."

The new decentralized power structure "puts a lot more burden on the" committee chairmen, said Rep. Phil King, a Republican from Weatherford. "Chairs are taking a lot more Tylenol and Advil than in previous sessions."

Still, Straus' role in brokering the newfound harmony remains to be seen. With Republicans holding a narrow 76-74 edge over Democrats, compromise would be necessary under any speaker.

"Anyone can assemble enough members to kill almost anything ... so everyone's having to work

together," King said. Moreover, the House has been off to a slow start and many of the session's most important votes have only taken place in the Senate.

"There are a bunch of bills that have yet to come up in the House that are going to show us more," said Ross Ramsey, editor of the online newsletter Texas Weekly. "We don't have a complete picture yet."

Lately, Straus has been working to forge a compromise on an effort to strengthen voter identification requirements, a measure so divisive it sparked partisan meltdown in the Senate and triggered threats of lawsuits.

The legislation is expected to be debated by

the House within the next couple of weeks. But by many accounts, a House compromise is on the horizon. Unlike the Senate, Straus said, the House wasn't going to "pull the pin on the grenade and be irresponsible, which I think they were."

"They just didn't care about the consequences of the emotional side of it," he said. "And we're trying to be deliberate and slow ... we're trying to find solutions, not just talking points for somebody's political agenda."

Add to that immigration issues, transportation funding and looming fights over higher education admissions and funding, and it's certain Straus will be tested plenty before the session ends on June 1.

Texas DA in office 36 years dies of lung cancer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Tarrant County District Attorney Tim Curry, whose 36 years in office make him one of the state's longest-serving top prosecutors, died early Friday at his home after battling lung cancer. He was 70.

Curry, who had undergone chemotherapy treatments since his diagnosis last summer, had been at home since the first of the year, Assistant District Attorney Joe Shannon told The Associated Press on Friday. He said he and others will remember Curry for his integrity.

"He would always tell you, 'Do what you think is right,' especially when you had a tough call to make," Shannon said. "And once you made a deal, you stuck with it."

Curry is likely among the longest serving criminal district attorneys in Texas history, according to incomplete records from the Texas District & County Attorneys Association, spokeswoman Sarah Wolf said.

Born in the tiny West Texas town of Tulia, Curry joined his father and older brother at their Fort Worth law firm after graduating from Texas Christian University and Baylor Law School.

He and some colleagues recruited someone to run for district attorney because they felt the office was rife with corruption, but when their first choice backed out at the last minute, Curry ran and was elected in 1972.

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the system is designed for copper-wire phone systems of the 1960s. Through the years, Green explained, the technology for the system has been gone through "a great deal of tweaking" in order to receive wireless calls, and computer phone calls.

"The public expect their 911 calls to be answered, and they aren't concerned with what it texts to make it happen, they just expect it to be there."

Green said that this can become a serious problem in wide-scale emergency situations, like the shootings at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007 which left 33 people dead.

"There is a younger generation who rely on text message and they thought they could text a call center. The students came out saying, 'I was texting 9-1-1 all the time.'"

Green said there is not a call center today that will receive a 9-1-1 text transmission, even centers that have been updated for IP capability.

Green predicts another 3-5 years before any system can accept these transmissions.

In the meantime however, IP systems like the one in Pampa will be used to help dispatchers access a greater base of information to help responders and callers.

If someone is calling from a school in an emergency situation, the dispatcher will be able to access a blue print of that

school and tell responders exactly how to access the person in need.

Green said that in addition to superior facilities at the Pampa Police Department, Pampa was a good location for the NG9-1-1 system because of the 900 calls a month dispatch receives.

Pampa is one of the two busiest call centers outside Potter and Randall counties in the Panhandle, which is a main reason it was chosen first to get the new IP equipment.

Eventually, IP capable equipment will be installed at all the 23 call centers in the Panhandle. The Pampa and Amarillo call centers will each service 11 counties using the new equipment.

Nationwide, Green said that 9-1-1 administrators are trying to address the biggest problem that 9-1-1 coordinators face, keeping up with the way people communicate today. With the dawning of new forms of technology every day, 9-1-1 coordinators face a certain nightmare of knowing the Legacy System can't keep up with the changes.

Green said that the Legacy System has been "shoe horned" many times since the '60s to adapt to teletype/telecommunications devices for the deaf, wireless/cellular voice, VoIP, and Public Safety Answering

The state's motion to dismiss was presented on April 16 and dismissed the same day.

A motion to dismiss motion to proceed with an adjudication of guilt was filed against Bobby Lee Holmes, but was not granted. The motion to proceed with an adjudication of guilt was filed on April 14 by the state. Instead of proceeding with the motion, the court choose to amend the terms of Homes' community supervision.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer requested to amend the conditions of the community supervision. The amendments include Homes being con-

fining in Gray County Jail for 106 days, with 106 days credit for time served, and pay the Gray County Community Supervision and Corrections department the amount of \$2,5500 in delinquent fines and fees before March 26, and pay \$336 of that on or before April 27. The terms also stated that the defendant should reimburse Gray County for court appointed attorney fees at a month rate.

The court granted the amendments on April 13, and dismissed the charge with the motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt against Holmes.

House votes to boost payouts for wrongly convicted

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas House lawmakers on Friday voted to boost the compensation the state pays to people who were wrongly sent to prison for crimes they didn't commit, and give them health insurance and pay for a college education.

The bill approved 136-1 raises the lump sum payout from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for every year spent in prison. It also provides a monthly annuity based on the same amount to give them a lifetime of income.

The measure also provides the exonerees with health insurance similar to what is provided to state lawmakers and pays for up to 120 semester hours at a college or university.

The bill now goes to the Senate, which is considering similar legislation.

DNA testing has exonerated 38, the most in the nation, according to the Innocence Project. Overall, Texas has paid about \$9 million to 46 people who were wrongly convicted.

"This gives me new belief in the justice system," said Charles Chatman, who was 20 when he was convicted of a rape he did not commit and spent the next 26 years in prison before his release in January 2008.

"I'm overwhelmed," he said.

Chatman and about a dozen exonerees and their family members watched

from the gallery as the House passed the bill on a voice vote with no debate.

Grant funds

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lution in the Crime Scene van.

"We found out about the grant in the end of February and the application has a May 18 deadline"

If the application is approved, the changes go into effect almost immediately, Hooper explained.

"Once we get word that the grant has been approved, the changes won't take long to implement." Hooper said that the

changes will take approximately 30 to 60 days to go into effect.

The grant was created through the National Recovery Act in the federal stimulus package. Hooper said the PPD will work on the local level to make the updates as much as possible.

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May 1 • Cap and Gown Pick-up
May 1 • Soccer Banquet
May 2 • Choir Banquet • 7 p.m.

Pampa Junior High School
April 27-May 1 • TAKS Testing
April 27 • Celebrating Youth Talent Show • 6 p.m.
May 2 • LAT-TAKS Make Up Sessions

Austin Elementary
April 28-30 • TAKS Testing

Lamar Elementary
April 28 • Kid's Café • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 pm
April 28-30 • TAKS Testing

Travis Elementary
April 28-30 • TAKS Testing
April 30 • 1st Grade to Amarillo Zoo 9 a.m.
May 1 • Kindergarten Trip to Jump and Jive 9:15 a.m.

Wilson
April 27 • Kid's Café • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
April 28-30 • TAKS Testing

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

Grand jury

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in an amount more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds.

Jill Renee Hall, 23, was indicted for possession of transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$15,000.

On September 26, 2008, Hall allegedly unlawfully manufactured a controlled substance, methamphetamine, and possessed anhydrous ammonia.

Jerry Lee White, 45 was indicted for possession of transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$15,000.

On September 26, 2008, White allegedly unlawfully manufactured a controlled substance, methamphetamine, and possessed anhydrous ammonia.

Guillermo Enrique Arias, 45, was indicted for money laundering greater than \$20,000 but less than \$100,000. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$25,000.

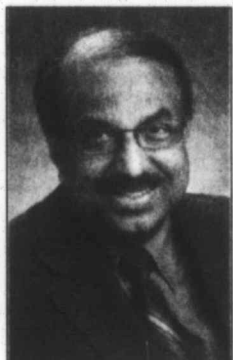
On October 14, 2005 Arias allegedly possessed or transported the proceeds of criminal activity, a con-

trolled substance, and the value of said funds was \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000.

In other court news, Natasha Lee Martinez was granted a motion to dismiss in the 223rd Judicial District Court. Martinez was charged with possession of marijuana greater than four ounces but less than five pounds. The case was dismissed "in the interest of the justice," according to the motion.

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Viewpoints

Good neighbors make good fences

by Randy Pribble
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Sue's mom and dad stopped by for a couple of weeks on their way from "snowbirding" in Arizona back to Missouri. Our good friend and former next door Missouri neighbor, Ivan, was also here for a few days. My daughter, Rachel, had already moved from Indiana, bringing along her bloodhound and her cat, Hitch.

Combine all that with our menagerie of a dog and two cats and it was like Grand Central Station at our house last week.

The simple act of grilling steaks on the patio was an event that drew a crowd of appreciative humans and animals alike. I was king of the tongs for a few days.

Naturally, everyone wanted to see the area. Sue's folks had been here before, but Ivan was new to the high plains, so I took a few afternoons to show the local area. He loved the Palo Duro Canyon ("A ditch," sniffed my father-in-law, a Wyoming native who has seen the Grand Canyon, thank you.) and grabbed all the brochures he could find. He still rides horses and the equine trails seemed to be especially fascinating.

We took a trip north to Canadian and Perryton and visited Wolf Creek Park/Lake Fryer ("More like a pond," Ivan said), winding through some back roads where the antelope posed as if on cue as we drove by.

There was the mandatory up close drive by a wind farm which inevitably led to a discussion of the dimensions of the windmill's buried concrete base. When Ivan is in the car, nothing mechanical is taken for granted. We may not pass a new piece of machinery without at least a rudimentary understanding of its workings.

"I can see why these would work good here," he said, struggling to keep his ball cap on his head.

Time ran out before we could get to the Military Museum and the White Deer Land Museum — Easter and church services came in the middle of the stay — but he vowed to return if nothing else to see those two local sites.

Since he loves all things cowboy, and Texas people being well, Texans, he was perfectly okay by himself for a few days while Sue and I were at work.

He found breakfast at Peggy's Place to his liking, especially since there was a fellow antique tractor enthusiast to talk to.

Later that day we were driving around Pampa, just getting lay of the land.

He loved how the land changes just a few miles in any direction one travels and the endless horizons.

He was also amazed at the difference in the looks of Pampa depending on which neighborhood you were in.

"There are some really pretty buildings here, but you sure have a lot of abandoned buildings, too," Ivan remarked.

"We are working on it," I replied, perhaps a bit too defensively in retrospect. "The city demolishes 40 or so residential buildings a year, and it costs a lot of money, but I think there is a lot of catching up to do."

"What about all these old gas stations and old businesses," he said.

I told him about Pampa's history, its boom and bust cycles.

"Yeah, but it looks like some of these businesses just abandoned the buildings," he said. "Somebody has to own these."

"Corporations I suppose," I said. "City officials say it is harder to find someone to go after in that case."

He thought about that for a minute.

"Still doesn't look too good," he said. "But maybe in Missouri we just have more trees to hide stuff behind."

"You know, I think you have to be brand new to town to really notice the abandoned buildings," I said. "I think that after a while, those of us who live here just don't see them."

Another thing he could not seem to get his mind around was the fact that, as he put it ... "everybody has a fenced-in back yard. How do you ever get to meet your neighbor?"

Fences are a recurring theme in our friendship. We spent many days in Missouri repairing and building and clearing fences together on our adjacent rural properties. Mine was small acreage. His is big enough to call a farm. I still get reports on how his new neighbor, the guy who bought my property, takes care of his fences — or doesn't as is apparently the case.

"I'm glad you brought that up," I said. "I have a fence down."

And so I did.

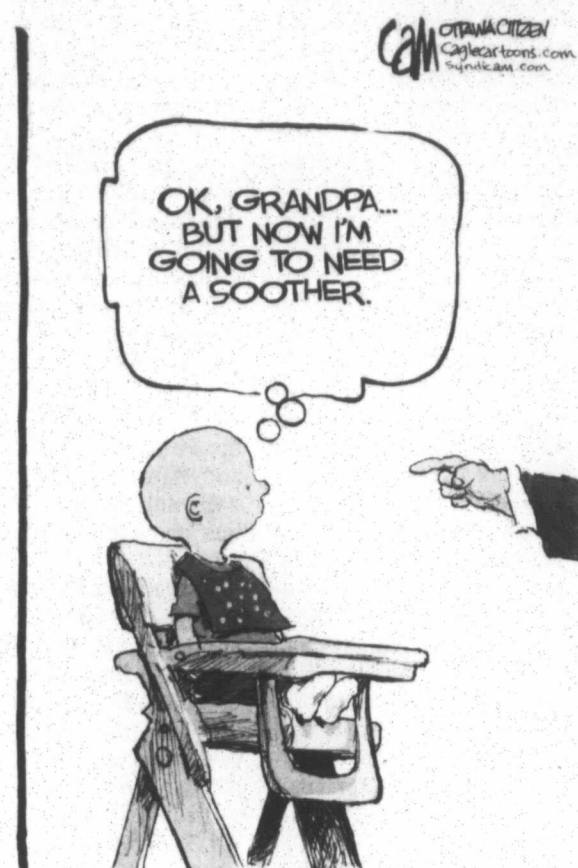
My cinderblock back fence, which was already leaning due to a tree root, succumbed to the high winds, requiring the replacement of about 40 blocks.

The day before he left to head back to Missouri, we spend a good portion of the day repairing the wall.

We agreed on several things at the end of the day. First, that we were not getting any younger; second, that we most certainly were not skilled masons; and finally, that it is possible to get "wind-burned."

As he left the next morning, vowing to return, he stated what I knew to be inevitable.

"Well," he said, "I can tell the boys at the coffee shop that things haven't changed. I had to travel 1100 miles to help you fix a fence."



Secure borders necessary for safe and prosperous Texas

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Over 1,200 miles of international border snakes along the Rio Grande through Texas, giving our state the distinction of holding more international boundary than all other states on the Mexican border combined. While this position grants Texas unmatched access to the economic benefits of international commerce and has deeply enriched our state's culture and heritage, our shared border also leaves us particularly vulnerable to the challenges associated with illegal immigration and Mexican drug trafficking organizations.

On a typical day, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials arrest 73 criminals at ports of entry, seize 7,621 pounds of narcotics, and apprehend roughly 2,796 individuals who have illegally entered the U.S. Compounding these challenges are the increasingly brazen and sophisticated threats from Mexican drug trafficking organizations. Mexican drug gangs have extended their operations into all areas of Texas and the nation. They control most of the U.S. drug market and have established ties with street gangs in American cities, including Atlanta, Chicago, and New York. And as crime and violence surge along the Mexican border, Texas communities are on the front

lines of this escalating threat.

More must be done at every level of government to secure our borders and ensure the continued safety and prosperity of communities in Texas and across the nation. This can only be accomplished through a balanced strategy that includes expansive and well-trained border patrol forces, substantial infrastructure, and adequate resources for local law enforcement officials. This has been an important legislative priority for me, and our efforts on this front have improved exponentially over the past 15 years. But we must continue to emphasize border security to keep up with mounting challenges.

Our agents along the border are most effective when they have the resources and equipment they need to do their jobs. This year, Congress increased funding for CBP over \$10.5 billion, including \$875 million for border security fencing, infrastructure, and technology. We have also worked to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigators, and detention officers. Additionally, \$1 billion has been dedicated to removing deportable criminal aliens, and we have increased our capacity to detain up to 33,400 individuals daily.

As well as providing for federal law enforcement activities, we must

also support the important efforts led by state and local law enforcement agencies in southern border states. I recently secured resources to aid local law enforcement in their struggle to combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the border.

The defense provided by well-equipped border forces must be bolstered by infrastructure, which can provide an additional deterrent to breaking the law by entering our country illegally. I have consistently supported legislation to require and to fund the construction of 700 miles of fencing along the southern border. Although most of the fence is now constructed, I recently supported an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget to ensure that future appropriations bills will fully fund construction of the remaining portions of the fence.

To help address the problem of violence in Mexico and along the border, I am a strong proponent of specialized initiatives, like Project Gunrunner, that target criminal arms smuggling organizations who are directing the illegal flow of weapons from the U.S. into the hands of the cartels in Mexico.

We must vigilantly secure our borders, while working with our international partners toward the common good of our citizens.

Today in History

Today is Saturday, April 25, the 115th day of 2009. There are 250 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1707 - British forces are defeated at Almansa, Spain.

1859 - Austria suppresses revolt in Krakow, Poland; Ground is broken for the Suez Canal.

1898 - United States declares war on Spain.

1942 - In the first U.S. counterattack of the war, 16 bombers make a daring daylight raid on Tokyo; A coal mine disaster in Benxi, Japanese occupied China, kills 1,549 workers - the world's worst mining disaster at the time.

1945 - U.S. and Soviet troops meet at the Elbe River in central Europe, a meeting that dramatizes the collapse of Nazi Germany; delegates of 45 nations meet in San Francisco, California, to organize the United Nations.

1993 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins vote of confidence in Russia's referendum but fails to force new parliamentary elections.

1995 - For the first time, the Argentine military admits to crimes during the "dirty war" against dissidents 1976-1983.

1997 - In what is called a monumental defeat for the U.S. tobacco industry, a federal judge rules for the first time that tobacco can be regulated as a drug.

2002 - The U.S. House of Representatives approves a measure to split the Immigration and Naturalization Service into two separate enforcement and service branches; making immigration reform a top priority in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

2006 - A female suicide bomber blows herself up in front of a car carrying Sri Lanka's highest-ranking general, killing eight people and badly wounding the top officer.

2008 - Congo troops clash with Rwandan Hutu militia Today's Birthdays:

Oliver Cromwell, English statesman (1599-1658); Guglielmo Marconi, Italian radio pioneer (1874-1937); Morris West, Australian author (1916-1999); Ella Fitzgerald, U.S. singer (1918-1996); Al Pacino, U.S. actor (1940-); Bjorn Ulvaeus, Swedish musician-composer, ABBA member (1945-); Talia Shire, U.S. actress (1946-); Renee Zellweger, U.S. actress (1969-).

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PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS



First Baptist Church recently held their 3rd annual Pinewood Derby race. The boys RA's, girls GA's and the G56 boys and girls participated in the race. There were 31 entries this year with trophies going to Mason McKay Placing first, CJ Dalton, second place and Shelby Langley placing third.



Cole Davis won the trophy for "best design" with a replica of a Wii remote control.

If you see news, call Editor Betsy Phillips at 669-2525 or email her at editor@thepampanews.com

Homemakers Club meets

Progressive Extension Homemakers club met Thursday April 16 at the home of Helen Baumgardner. June Rowan presided in the absence of president Francis Guthrie. Seven members attended the District Rally at Boys Ranch where the group won four blue ribbons two red and three white ribbons. The traveling trophy was awarded to Gray County. Spring fling was discussed for May 14 at Dixie Cafe and a

tour of West Texas Landscape. Scholarships will be awarded to the 4 H at Council meeting April 26. One new member was welcomed. Mildred Thrasher and Pat Winkleblack won the door prizes. Next meeting will be May 14 2009. The program was given by Pat Winkleblack on Trelles ribbon jewelry and the history of the Lion brand threads.

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White Deer student receives OSU scholarship

STILLWATER, Okla. — A White Deer student was honored by Oklahoma State University at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) Scholarships and Awards Banquet on April 3.

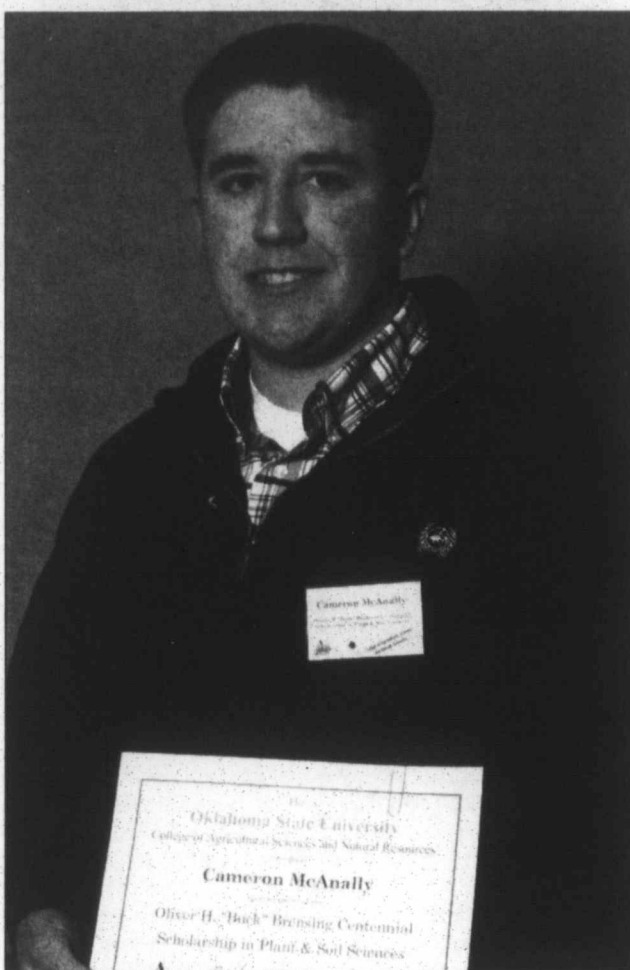
Cameron McAnally received a \$1,000 Oliver H. "Buck" Brensing Centennial Scholarship in Plant and Soil Sciences. He is the son of Cairl and Rosalee McAnally and plans to major in plant and soil sciences.

In all, approximately \$449,750 was awarded at the banquet, part of \$974,250 in scholarships and awards presented this spring to deserving OSU agriculture students for the 2009-2010 school year.

"This is yet another record level of scholarships for the College, despite the economic downturn. Our donors are to be commended for their generosity and wise investment in CASNR students and the OSU Foundation is to be commended for good stewardship of our scholarship endowments," said Ed Miller, CASNR associate dean. "Scholarships are increasingly important to our students and their families and the college is committed to help students reach their educational goals."

"It is exciting to celebrate the accomplishments of incoming students as well as those who will be graduating soon," Miller said. "Our students have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service while achieving the highest level of academic performance again this year and our awards banquet provides an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. Awards for leadership and academic performance and the presentation of scholarships build pride in our students and their families, the faculty, donors and other supporters of both the college and division as a whole."

The college is part of the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, along with two state-wide agencies: the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.



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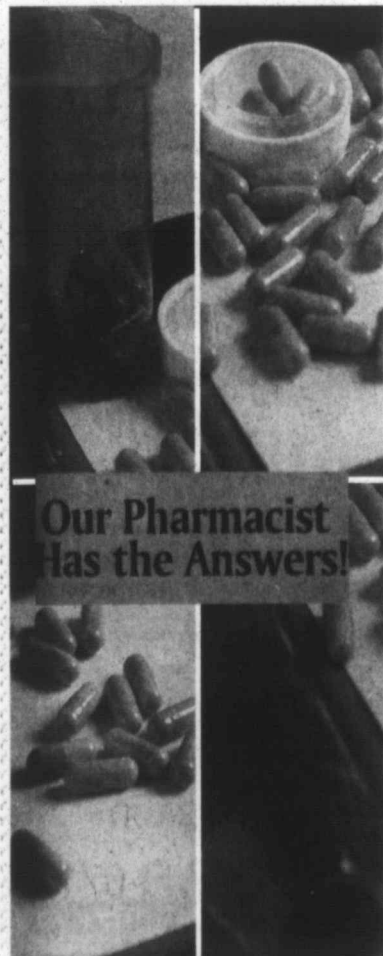
140 people laid off at Carrier plant in Tyler

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Nearly 140 hourly employees were laid off from the Carrier Corp. plant in Tyler on Friday.

Company spokeswoman Michelle Caldwell told Tyler news station KETK that low order volumes and the economy were to blame. She wouldn't say if more layoffs were expected in the weeks ahead.

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Peaches

Wednesday, April 29

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Corn
Banana bread

Thursday, April 30

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Tuesday

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Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Strawberry cake or chocolate icebox pie
Hot rolls or cornbread

Wednesday

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice
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Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Cherry chocolate cake or peach cobbler
Hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday

Chicken strips or sausages and kraut
Mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, beans
Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Cherry chip cake or rice pudding
Hot rolls or cornbread

Friday

Catfish and hushpuppies or chicken spaghetti
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Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
Cinnamon rolls or tapioca cups
Garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, cornbread

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Breakfast: french toast sticks

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Steak fingers or chef salad
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Peaches
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Breakfast:
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Homeland secretary apologizes to veterans group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano met with the American Legion on Friday to apologize for a right-wing extremism report written by her agency, and the veterans group walked away from the meeting mollified.

Napolitano blamed one of her agency's analysts for prematurely sending out the intelligence assessment to law enforcement, according to Craig Roberts, an American Legion member who attended the meeting. The report says veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan could be susceptible to right-wing recruiters or commit lone acts of violence.

"She essentially admitted fault within her office," Roberts said.

Legion National Commander David Rehbein said, "I think the session in Secretary

Napolitano's office will go a long way to help our returning veterans in the future."

After the meeting, Napolitano issued a statement saying the department "has fixed the internal process that allowed this document to be released before it was ready."

The report, one of Homeland Security's periodic assessments, warned that right-wing extremists could use the bad state of the U.S. economy and the election of the country's first black president to recruit members. The analysis said veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars could be targeted by the groups.

It drew angry reactions from Rehbein, conservative bloggers and Republican members of Congress who took to the House floor this week to criticize Napolitano, confirmed to her Cabinet posi-

tion less than 100 days ago. "Has this Homeland Security secretary gone absolutely stark raving mad?" Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn, said Wednesday.

"I think the appropriate thing for her to do would be to step down," Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, told Fox News on Thursday.

"Janet Napolitano should resign or be fired," Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, said on Wednesday.

Obama administration aides dismissed the criticism as a "typical Washington game" and "political theater."

Despite the furor among some Republicans, party leaders did not bring it up in a meeting with President Barack Obama and on Thursday. House Republican leader John Boehner had indicated it likely would be discussed Thursday. But his spokesman, Kevin Smith, said the topic was not broached.

White House spokesman Nick Shapiro said the right-wing extremist report originated in the Bush administration and Napolitano was working to keep the nation

safe from terrorists.

"She doesn't have time for these games — and neither does the president," Shapiro said.

The veterans issue wasn't the only flap. Earlier this week, Napolitano drew criticism for flubbing an explanation of federal law prohibiting people without proper documents from crossing U.S. borders into the country.

In an interview with CNN, Napolitano, whose career has included stints as a U.S. attorney and attorney general and governor of Arizona, said: "Crossing the border is not a crime per se. It is civil."

While crossing the border illegally is a crime, most illegal immigrants caught in the United States face only civil penalties and deportation.

Napolitano spokesman Sean Smith said: "She may be new to Washington, but she has been around politics for a long time, and she knows political theater when she sees it."

Smith said Napolitano spent 16 years enforcing the law on the Southwest border.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Seth," and I are in our mid-20s and have been dating for seven years. We have a solid relationship, but I need your thoughts on something: He insists on cleaning up after everyone right under their noses.

We were recently invited to watch a basketball game at a friend's home. Appetizers were provided over the course of several hours. People kept losing their cups and plates because Seth "thought they were done" and threw the items away.

Abby, he was doing this in a house he had never visited before with people he had never met! He also does it with family instead of sitting and relaxing after the meal and enjoying the conversation. When we eat at a restaurant, Seth will pile up our plates and silverware as soon as he thinks I'm done "to make it easier for the server to clean up."

Clearing the table was not a chore my boyfriend was assigned as a child, nor is he overly concerned with neatness in other areas of his life. He's not shy around people, so he isn't keeping busy to avoid conversation.

He says he is being polite. I say he could volunteer to help tidy up at the end of a party, but he shouldn't touch other people's eating utensils in the middle of an event. What do you think? -- DATING MR. CLEAN IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DATING MR. CLEAN: It appears you are dating a frustrated busboy. I don't know where your boyfriend got the idea that picking up other people's dinnerware without first asking if they are finished is polite -- because it isn't. In fact, it's rude.

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work" on social occasions -- which could be an indication that he feels socially awkward.

DEAR ABBY: I am a hardworking CPA, recovering from another busy tax season. Along with my colleagues, I become a little crazed during that frantic time of year. May I share some tips with your readers so next year their appointments will go more smoothly?

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2. Do bring your small children along. Yes, they may be bored, but I love entertaining them instead of giving you my full attention.

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5. The remaining 95 percent of my clients are a joy to work with, so don't forget what put you in that 5 percent. -- RECUPERATING IN ALABAMA

DEAR RECUPERATING: Your frustration is understandable, particularly since tax season has just ended, and I love your dry sense of humor. But any CPA who posted your "tips" would probably wind up working for tips.

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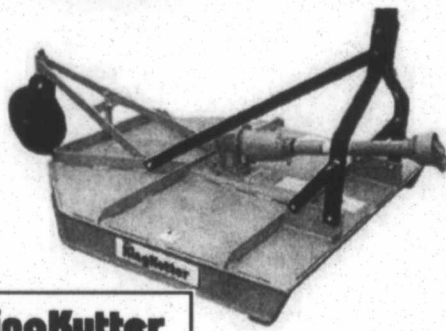
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Delta Air to return to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Delta Air Lines Inc. said Friday it will begin flights to and from Dallas Love Field this summer.

The move will put Delta, the world's largest airline operator, head-to-head against Southwest Airlines Co., the dominant carrier at close-in Love Field.

To meet with legal restrictions at Love Field, Delta will operate three daily nonstop flights between Dallas and Memphis, Tenn., with 50-seat regional jets. Federal law limits nonstop flights from Love Field to states far from Texas, including Tennessee, but there is an exception for planes with 56 or fewer seats.

Atlanta-based Delta said the service would begin July 6 and be operated by Pinnacle Airlines under the Delta Connection name. Delta affiliates already offer three daily flights to Memphis from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Executive Vice President Glen Hauenstein said Delta's customers wanted convenience of flying in and out of Love Field, which is closer than DFW to downtown Dallas. From Delta's Memphis hub, passengers could connect to flights to about 90 other locations.

Delta offered flights on subsidiary Atlantic Southeast at Love Field several years ago but pulled out in 2003. It also greatly reduced the number of flights at DFW Airport, where AMR Corp.'s American Airlines is the

dominant carrier.

Besides Southwest, Continental Express also operates flights at Love Field. AMR's American Eagle has said it will halt its last service at Love Field, to Chicago, in June.

Delta also operates Northwest Airlines.

Texans could get more time in foreclosures

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texans who fall behind on their mortgage payments would get more time to try to save their homes under legislation approved by the Texas Senate.

Under current law, Texas homeowners have just 20 days to cure a loan default before lenders foreclose on them. It is one of the shortest foreclosure notice periods in country.

The bill approved Friday, a top priority of Attorney General Greg Abbott, would extend that period to 45 days. The bill passed unanimously and now moves to the state House.

House sends teacher protections to Senate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A measure pulling some identifying information about Texas school teachers and

employees from public records is headed to the Senate.

The House voted 107-18 in favor of the bill Friday.

Education groups say the measure will protect school employees from identity theft. Journalists and open records advocates object to the bill because it would remove employee birth dates from public records. Reporters use full birth dates to identify people with common names when cross checking against criminal records.

The bill requires school districts to release the information if they know employees were convicted of crimes such as sex offenses or violent crimes. They would not have to release other criminal information.

University student charged in homeless man's death

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a University of Houston student fatally shot a homeless man on the school campus because he believes homeless people are a blight on society.

Jeremy Lee Pierce remains in jail after being charged with murder in the shooting death of Joe Tall.

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Charities see potential, risk with social networks

JOHN FLESHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS
WRITER

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Meredith Bowen was getting tired of requests from Facebook friends to exchange make-believe pansies, daffodils and tiny cartoon characters for her "(Lil) Green Patch," a virtual garden that sprouted on her social-networking page about a year ago.

She was ready to delete it, until she learned The Nature Conservancy was getting a portion of the ad revenue generated by the game.

"I've saved like 133 square feet of rainforest," the 31-year-old Holt resident said.

Bowen illustrates both the potential upside and downside for charitable causes hoping to cash in on the popularity of social-networking sites such as Facebook and News Corp.'s MySpace.

With millions of users worldwide, the sites would seem fertile ground for fundraising experiments — especially ones where users aren't asked to make direct contributions.

But it's far from certain that social networking will prove as effective as more traditional fundraising methods such as direct mail, telephone solicitation and even e-mails to past donors.

One hurdle to overcome is the sheer deluge of information online.

As Facebook users are bombarded with invitations to send and receive virtual beers, throw snowballs, sign petitions and take quizzes, applications benefiting charities can seem like just another silly game.

"I get so many of those requests," said Nicole Marble, 23, who works at Michigan State University. "Sometimes I pay attention to them, but with a lot of them I'm just clicking 'Ignore, Ignore, Ignore.'"

She took only minor interest in (Lil) Green Patch until learning recently from a reporter that the game's promise to help save rainforests and fight global warming was genuine.

"I'll probably look into it a little more now," Marble said. "I just finished tending my garden, whatever that really means."

Many appeals on social networks have drawn lots of attention but few dollars.

"You often see where 20,000 people have joined a cause and it's raised \$200," said Jim Tobin, president of Ignite Social Media, a promotional company in Cary, N.C.

The (Lil) Green Patch game has done better than most, generating \$162,150 in little more than a year, said Sue Citro, digital membership director for The Nature Conservancy.

It is among the most popular applications that Facebook can add to their profiles, with nearly 6 million active users monthly, according to Facebook.

Players plant virtual "gardens" with flowers and fruits sent by friends and send plants to them in return. Ads are shown alongside the game. Green Patch Inc., the Mountain View, Calif., developer of

ities to past donors who cannot afford to give cash because of the bad economy but still want to help, she said.

Even if social-networking sites draw relatively little money now, it's imperative for nonprofits to explore them, said Melissa Brown, associate director of research for the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

poverty group CARE using another rapidly growing site, Twitter.

For every "tweet," or short message, supporting the campaign, Fathom Events made a pledge. The "tweet-a-thon" raised \$5,000 for CARE, said Tobin, whose company promoted it.

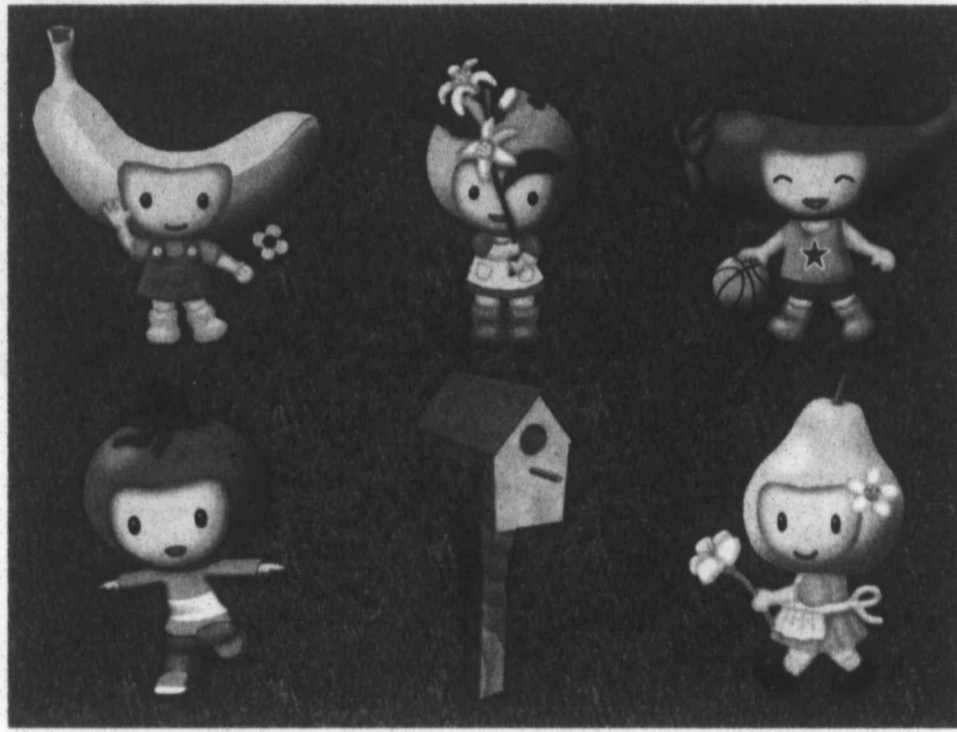
Social-networking sites "lower the fundraising barrier," offering nonprof-

As people's time and wallets are stretched ever thinner, they could decide that installing an application is their "charitable good deed for the day," leaving them less inclined to write a check or volunteer at the soup kitchen, Rainie said.

"This is making the battle for people's contributions and charity endeavors and volunteer time all the more competitive and brutal," he said.

Marble, one of the (Lil) Green Patch players, said she appreciates that the game is simple to use and doesn't badger her to send cash. She just hopes the requests to swap plants don't get out of hand.

"If it gets too much, I might consider uninstalling or just clicking the 'ignore' button on all of them," she said. "But that hasn't happened yet, so I'm still playing."



In this image provided by Green Patch Inc., an sample (Lil) Green Patch Facebook application is shown. (AP Photo/Green Patch Inc.)

the game, donates a portion of ad revenue to The Nature Conservancy's rainforest preservation campaign.

It's yet another avenue for raising money and awareness, supplementing direct online contributions generated by running ads and sending e-mail to past donors. Social networks can potentially be more effective because they are cheaper and involve referrals from friends.

"A lot of the world is transitioning to using not just the Internet, but the socially connected Internet," said David King, Green Patch's founder. "We see this as the beginning of a whole movement where people are able to connect with each other and with foundations representing the causes that are important to them."

Despite being among the more lucrative Facebook applications, (Lil) Green Patch accounts for less than 3 percent of The Nature Conservancy's online fundraising — which itself generates just 10 percent of all individual donations to the group, Citro said.

Yet the conservancy is less concerned with raising big bucks than with planting seeds for future support from the younger generation active on social networks.

"It's really a great branding tool," Citro said. "It's helping spread the word, educating people about our organization and its mission."

The group recommends its social-networking activ-

Surveys by the center show that direct mail and phone solicitation have become less successful in recent years, while Internet fundraising has risen steadily. As more users gravitate to social networks, it makes sense for nonprofit groups to follow.

"This is a time for experimenting with the social networking, figuring out how it can work for your organization," Brown said.

The Humane Society of the United States used a Facebook application to promote this year's "Spay Day" drive in support of spaying and neutering.

The campaign invited people to upload photos of their pets to a Humane Society Web site and solicit contributions from family, friends and others. A Facebook application — and other interactive "widgets," or small programs for blogs and MySpace pages — helped participants reach more potential donors.

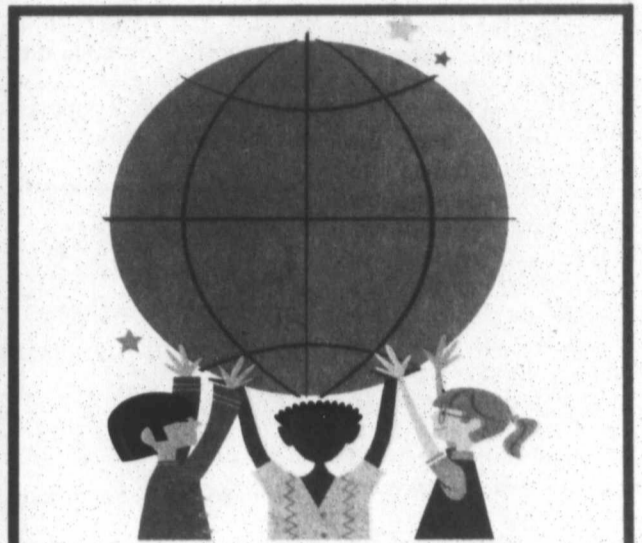
The "Spay Day" drive raised \$600,000 from about 40,000 participants, said Carrie Lewis, the Humane Society's Internet marketing manager. It's uncertain how much was generated through Facebook. But this year's campaign, the first to use the application and other widgets, was more successful than previous ones. In 2008, the 31,000 participants raised only \$72,000.

NCM Fathom Events, an entertainment company based in Centennial, Colo., sponsored a four-day fundraiser in March for the anti-

its an inexpensive way to reach mass audiences, Tobin said.

"Before, you had to have a budget for advertising space," he said. "What you need to have now is a really good idea that people gravitate toward. If you have that and make it fun or pull at the right heartstrings, you can get a lot of activity going."

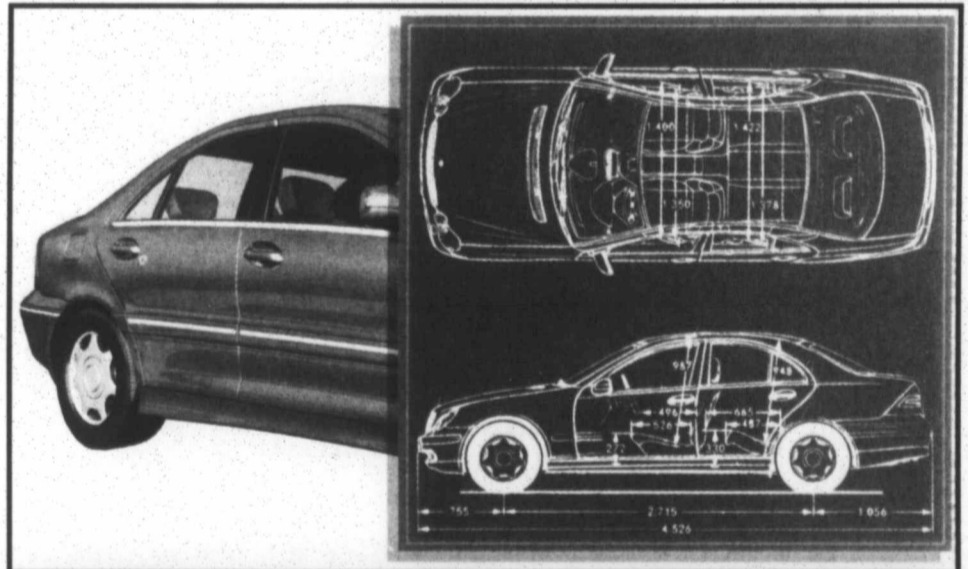
One potential pitfall: "Donor fatigue" might set in as social-networking sites become increasingly cluttered with pleas for help from do-gooders, said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet and American Life Project.



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Johnson's announcing gives Derby English flavor

**WILL GRAVES
AP SPORTS WRITER**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Mark Johnson called his first horse race at age 3, turning a chessboard into his own version of a day at the track.

"I just got rid of all the pieces off the chess board apart from the four knights and I laid all the pawns around the outside of the board," Johnson said with a laugh. "I basically started going 'And the horse here ... And the horse there ...' and sort of doing a little commentary of it."

Four decades later, the chessboard has turned into Churchill Downs and the four knights have become the 20 top 3-year-olds in the world, all bidding for a slice of racing immortality. Johnson will make his debut as the race caller in the Run for the Roses on May 2 as the new track announcer at racing's old Kentucky home, 40 years and an ocean removed from the chessboard in Skagness, the English seaside town where he grew up and first fell in love with the sport and its pageantry.

Calling the Derby is a job that he calls "a dream beyond my dreams," one that may take some getting used to for the 150,000 fans that will cram under the twin spires on the first Saturday in May.

Johnson is the track's first foreign-born announcer, and even though he won the job following a week-long tryout at Churchill's fall meet, he knows his English accent will come as a surprise to some.

"I'm sure it'll be a bit of a different thing for them," he said.

Then again, things could be worse. He remembers watching the races on British television as a kid practically offended at how

stuff the announcers were. "They were all very posh," Johnson said.

He is decidedly not. Johnson carries a couple dozen markers in a bag with him, color-coding the program using a method that helps him have immediate recall of a horse's name, bio and other tidbits.

Sounds typical. A lot of announcers use a similar process.

None of them, however, carry the markers in a bag honoring Cartman, the foul-mouthed elementary schooler on the popular cartoon "South Park."

Certainly it is a piece of theater and I'm there to entertain as well.

Mark Johnson
Kentucky Derby announcer

The bag was a gift from his wife, and a sign that he knows not to take his work too seriously.

"You're there to help the game flow and help the enjoyment of the game," he said. "Certainly it is a piece of theater and I'm there to entertain as well. But first and foremost the entertainment comes from the horses and the really brave guys and girls who ride the horses. If I can add to that, then I'm doing my job."

Johnson isn't the first foreigner to call a Triple Crown race. South African Trevor Denman called his first Triple Crown event at the 1989 Preakness while serving as the announcer at Pimlico, a gig it took him six years to land after coming to the states.

The transition to calling

American races, Denman admits, took awhile. He spent 15-20 hours with an elocutionist to take some of the edge out of his accent.

Denman, now the announcer at several California tracks, doesn't think Johnson's adjustment will take as long but does expect a little blowback.

"I would be surprised if there's not some people who won't give it a very good reception because it's so different and they're used to hearing an American voice," Denman said. "The vast majority of people do not like change. I'm sure he'll be well-received, but it will be more that people don't like the change than don't like him."

It didn't seem to be a problem during Johnson's tryout, when he beat out four other callers to replace Luke Krutzbosch, who died last summer.

"In our eyes, Mark Johnson is the complete package when it comes to track announcer," Churchill Downs official Steve Sexton said when Johnson was hired in January. "He is a unique, polished and passionate talent with an absolutely infectious personality."

That became evident during his tryout. While calling a relatively anonymous claiming race on a chilly Wednesday, he watched as a filly pulled away from the field and decided to have a little fun with it.

"And they're strung out like Monday washing behind the leader," he said as they came to the wire.

It was a throwaway line in a relatively boring race, but one that seemed to resonate with the railbirds on the dreary day. He had four people approach him earlier this week — a good five months later — and tell him how much they



Mark Johnson poses overlooking the famed twin spires of Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., Friday, April 24, 2009. Johnson will make his debut as the race caller in the Kentucky Derby horse race on May 2, 2009, as the new track announcer at racing's old Kentucky home. (AP Photo/Ed Reinke)

dous climax," he said. "It's just about the same as the Derby, isn't it?"



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Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 1, 2009.

Issued this the 17th day of April, 2009.

Charles Smith
Signature of Mayor
City of Pampa
On Behalf of the Pampa City Commission

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

Para los Votantes Registrados de la Ciudad de Pampa, Texas:

Por este medio se da aviso que el lugar mencionado abajo donde estarán localizadas las Urnas estará abierto de las 7:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. en **Mayo 9, 2009** para votar en la Elección General para elegir a un Alcalde, a un Comisionado de la Ciudad del Distrito 1 y a un Comisionado del Distrito 3.

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De acuerdo al código de Elección en Texas, Sección 85.005, Subsección (d), votación temprana hecha en persona en la Urna principal deberá llevarse a cabo cuando menos durante 12 horas: entre las 7:00 A.M. y 7:00 P.M. el Jueves 28, de Abril del 2009 y una vez mas el Miércoles 29, de Abril, 2009.

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Linda Lewis
Joint Elections Administrator
P.O. Box 2493
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La solicitud de la papeleta para la votación por correo deberá ser recibida antes del cierre de las oficinas el día 1 de Mayo 2009.

Publicada el día 17th de Abril, del 2009.

Charles Smith
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Ciudad de Pampa
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Apr. 26, 2009

Perry courts party's right early

KELLEY SHANNON
AP POLITICAL WRITER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An homage to states' rights, a fleeting reference to secession and a private gathering with evangelicals place Texas Gov. Rick Perry at the far right edge of the Republican Party.

And it seems that's exactly where he wants to be.

The two-term governor is lately offering fiery remarks that appeal to highly conservative voters as he gears up for a rough, expensive re-election race against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for the GOP nomination.

"There certainly is a strategy there, and one that he's run before," said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University. Perry, who has never lost an election, is working to nail down the support of social and economic conservatives who tend to dominate Texas' GOP primary voting before he even thinks about moving toward the middle to appeal to a larger group of Texans, Jillson said.

Recent history shows pleasing those conservative voters is the key to winning GOP primaries in Texas. No more than about 650,000 of Texas' 13 million registered voters typically vote in a Republican gubernatorial primary, but there usually aren't two heavyweight contenders on the ballot.

Whoever survives that contest for governor in March 2010 is the favorite to win the November general election in the still-reliably Republican state.

The challenge for Hutchison, who's more moderate than Perry on social issues like abortion and embryonic stem cell research, is to attract middle-of-the-road voters and suburban women to the

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"Whip up the right and you don't have to worry about anything else."



Texas Gov. Rick Perry responds to a question, saying, "read my comments," after he signed the first bill of the 81st Legislature to reach his desk Thursday, April 16, 2009, in Austin, Texas. Gov. Perry insisted that his remarks about secession following an anti-tax protest were not intended as an argument that the state should leave the union. But Perry said he understands why Americans may have those feelings because of their frustration with Washington, D.C. (AP Photo/Harry Cabluck)

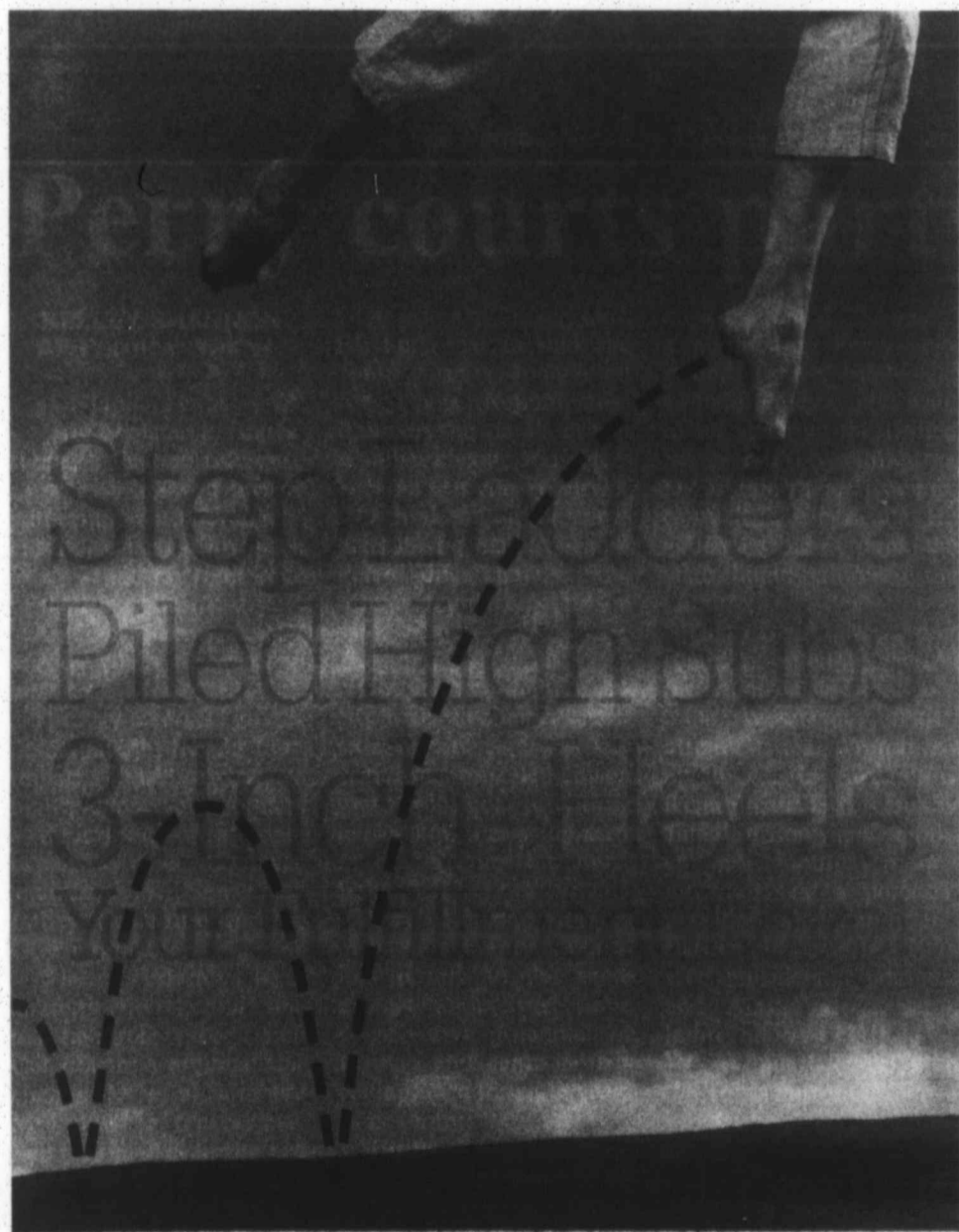
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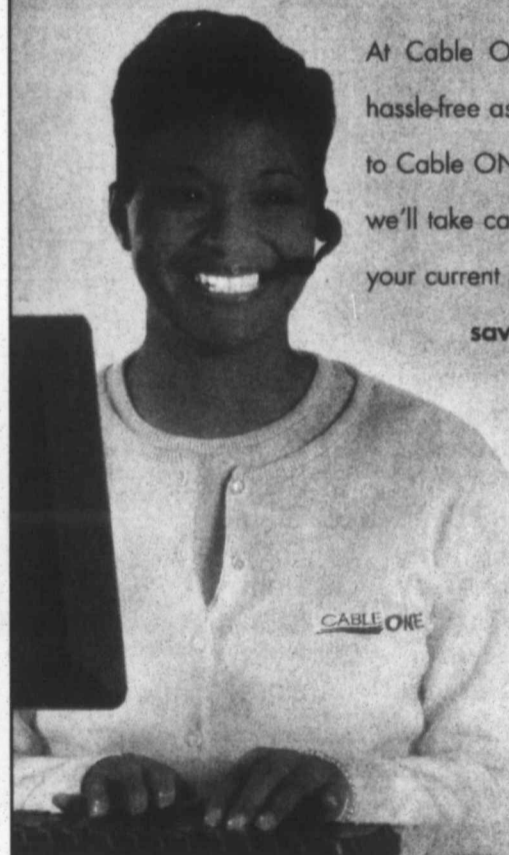
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BE WHO YOU ARE AND SAY WHAT YOU FEEL. BECAUSE THOSE WHO MIND DON'T MATTER AND THOSE WHO MATTER DON'T MIND. — DR. SEUSS

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 27, 2009:
This year, you are tuned in to your financial stability. The difference is, you will come out more solid than many, as you seem to have a sense of what works and what doesn't. Kick in your conservative side and say goodbye to risks of sort. If you are single, you might discover that meeting the right person isn't as easy as you would like. However, you might enjoy socializing and meeting many different types of people. If you are attached, you could opt to make a concrete addition to your bond. Be patient with your sweetie. GEMINI can be quite "fluffy" and irresponsible with your funds.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ How you say what you think, the words you choose, your expression and your tone of voice define the results. Don't allow negativity to float in, especially if you are trying to inspire others. If you're blocked, know that there is always another route. You just might not see it. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail and calls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might nix a risk, but perhaps too late. Financial dealings are highlighted, for better or for worse. Generally, you are grounded and serious, though right now you are inclined to be a bit of a wild card. Tonight: Ever playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your personality draws many out. Are you overwhelmed by what you hear? Investigate and decide what needs to happen. A snag in your life slows you down. Stay focused. Tonight: A force to behold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ If you can, consider taking a personal day. You could be tired and withdrawn. Think positively and be open to changes ... tomorrow. If possible, vanish. A little mystery or silence might be important. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on goals and keep the faith—it can and will happen. You could be overruled and drawn. Others look to you for major decisions and direction. At the same time, you seem to make a goal a reality. Tonight: Where the happening is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A must appearance seems inevitable. You can accomplish more than your fair share if you so choose. Do step back and get a vision. Investigate and read between the lines with a boss or an associate. This person's comments might not make you happy! Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If you want to and can, step back and see a situation for what it is. Possibilities only come through accepting all the information and then moving forward. Think positively. An associate or pal could be on the warpath. Tonight: Let your mind escape.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others and discover answers. You are on top of your game and willing to do what is necessary to solidify a situation, not just for you but also for others. One-on-one relating proves to be fruitful. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A boss could be tough or an associate could be sassy. Focus on what is good, and work with those issues and people. Certainly you might want to network or lighten up your plans. Do just that. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Juggling the pros and cons of a situation seems futile. You might ask what it is that you aren't seeing. Detach and give yourself space. You will have answers, but not necessarily ones you think you want. Tonight: No, you don't need to do anything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your sense of mischief comes out, even in the most serious talks. You will have to muzzle yourself and remember where you are and whom you are with. The good news is that you can make plans for later that will allow you to romp away. Tonight: Just enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be careful as to how you handle a situation. Someone or several someones could be a lot more difficult and sassy than you anticipate. Know when to step back and let others play out. Be easy when others are difficult. Tonight: Mosey on home.

BORN TODAY
President Ulysses S. Grant (1822), inventor Samuel F.B. Morse (1791), civil-rights leader Coretta Scott King (1927)

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Karen Price
City Secretary
C-70 Apr. 26, 2009

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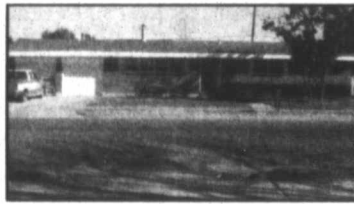
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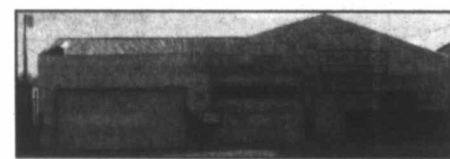


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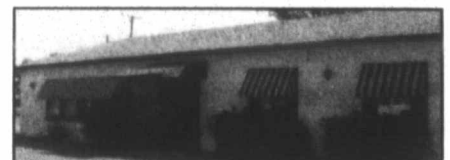
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Get your ducks in a row this a.m. Understand another's startling reaction. This information will come to you. Make plans for mid-afternoon. Go out for a late lunch, ballgame or whatever puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Enjoy the people you are with.

This Week: Communication could be easy. By Wednesday, you might want to cooan. Yes, you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Express an innate playfulness that might be charged by an unexpected surprise. Your ability to kick back and let go of stress could emerge. Your instincts play out with spending and possibly a day or longer excursion. Tonight: Time to treat.

This Week: You definitely see the problem with an emotional or financial risk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You could be slow to start, but you are a veritable shooting star by night. As your energy builds, the need to be alone dwindles. Make plans or go where your friends can be found. Listen, but don't necessarily challenge an argumentative person. Tonight: Where you want to be. This Week: You might feel great, but others could be down. Midweek, expenses could soar.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Enjoy yourself with friends or family, or with no one. A partner or close loved one finally starts expressing him- or herself. You are relieved to hear more from this person — finally. Tonight: Listen and understand. Toss judgment away.

This Week: Don't take an active role until Wednesday. Others demand and demand some more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Make calls to family and friends. Invite others to have fun. Visualize this event without overworking yourself, but enjoy yourself as much as anyone else. Look to a new way of entertaining. Good news heads in from a distance. Tonight: Where people are.

This Week: Key projects work better if they are started before Wednesday. Go to it!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Whether at church, walking the dog or responding to a phone call, your mind drifts. Confusion might surround plans. Verify and confirm meetings. Changes surround a bond, even one with a child. Tonight: Could be late.

This Week: Others look to you, and you simply are not up to snuff. Wednesday, act like a winner, and that you will be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Those in your immediate environment all want your attention! You can postpone reading the Sunday paper to indulge those close to you. You wind up pleasing all of you. Later in the day, make phone calls to loved ones. Tonight: Do something you wouldn't normally consider (like getting sushi).

This Week: Go into your mind Monday and Tuesday for winning answers. Others demand accountability midweek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Plans might be plans, but apparently those closest to you stake a claim to your time. Enjoy all the caring, and relax about what you decide to do. Take a walk with a favorite person to clear the air, or just catch up on each other's news. Tonight: Be sure to make enough time for an individual, rather than socialize as a group.

This Week: Whether you agree or not, listen to a partner's suggestion. Seek out other solutions if need be Wednesday on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Getting into your Sunday routine feels just fine. Someone will shake up the status quo, later rather than earlier. Of course, this person couldn't shake up your routine unless you wanted to him or her to. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: Others demand an audience and control. You have no choice. This too will pass.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Creativity expounds from various areas of your life. When presented with a problem, your mind starts cranking and comes up with answers. Mid-afternoon, choose a more relaxing pastime — one you love. Tonight: Plan your Monday.

This Week: Work hard Monday and Tuesday. A difference of opinion is the norm Wednesday and Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Plan on staying at home until you meet a friend or loved one for a fun happening. Once you get going, you decide to go on and on. Verbalize what you are thinking with directness, and listen to the answers. Plug in your sense of humor. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

This Week: Tap into your wild imagination, and you'll come up with some great answers. Act on them Wednesday on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Make calls and touch base with family and friends early on. Whatever you plan, keep an eye on your energy and a pet project. There are only so many hours in a day, and there is something you don't need to put off any longer. Tonight: At home.

This Week: Work from home Monday and Tuesday. Otherwise, vanish into the office woodwork. Your creative bent does count Wednesday on.

BORN TODAY

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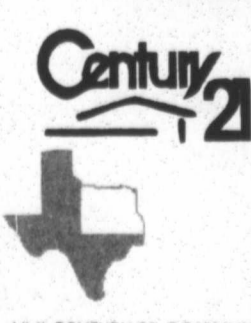
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FAA: bird strikes more than double at big airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airplane collisions with birds have more than doubled at 13 major U.S. airports since 2000, and New York's Kennedy airport and Sacramento International report the most incidents with serious damage, according to Federal Aviation Administration data released for the first time Friday.

The FAA list of wildlife strikes, published on the Internet, details more than 89,000 incidents since 1990, including 28 cases since 2000 when a collision with a bird or other animal such as a deer on a runway was so severe that the aircraft was considered destroyed.

But even the FAA estimates that its voluntary reporting system captures only about 20 percent of all wildlife strikes and some airports and airlines do a better job of reporting than others.

Eleven people have died in airplane collisions with birds or deer since 1990, the data also show.

The data revealed one positive trend: strikes that caused major damage dropped noticeably in 2007 and 2008. In 2000, pilots reported 178 strikes that caused major damage to airplanes; in 2008, there were only 85 such reports. There was no immediate explanation from the FAA, although the agency tightened engine design standards in 2004 to better withstand bird strikes.

Topping the list of airports where planes were either substantially damaged or destroyed by birds since 2000 were John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York with at least 30 such accidents and Sacramento International Airport in California with at least 28 accidents. Kennedy, the nation's 6th busiest airport, is located amid wetlands that attract birds, and Sacramento International, the nation's 40th busiest, abuts farms whose crops draw birds and sits along the Pacific Flyway used by migratory birds.

The first disclosure of the entire FAA bird strike database, including the first-ever release of the locations of strikes, occurred largely due to pressure after the dramatic ditch-

ing of a US Airways jet in the Hudson River after bird strikes knocked out both of its engines on Jan. 15. Days later, The Associated Press requested release of the database under the Freedom of Information Act.

All 155 people aboard survived when pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched the powerless jet into the Hudson without breaking it up. The most recent fatal bird-strike incident came in October 2007: A student and instructor pilot died when their small, twin-engine business plane crashed in Browerville, Minn., after it struck a Canada goose during a night training flight. That plane's left engine had been damaged by a bird strike the day before and was repaired the day of the fatal crash.

Reports doubled at some of the nation's busiest airports, including New Orleans, Houston's Hobby, Kansas City, Orlando and Salt Lake City. Lovell Field, in Chattanooga, Tenn., registered the greatest increase in wildlife strikes, going from four reported incidents in 2000 to 55 in 2008 — a 1,275 percent increase.

Wildlife experts have said the population of some birds, particularly large ones like Canada geese, has been growing as more and more birds find the food to live near cities and airports year round rather than migrating.

All told, pilots reported striking at least 59,776 birds since 2000. The most common strike involved mourning doves; pilots reported hitting 2,291 between 2000 and 2008. Other airborne victims included gulls (2,186), European starlings (1,427) and American kestrels (1,422).

A single United Airlines 737 passenger jet suffered at least 29 minor collisions with birds and one accident involving a small deer — more than any other plane since 2000. In only one case was damage significant, when the jet climbed out of Philadelphia International Airport into a flock of gulls flying at 1,000 feet the night of Jan. 30, 2006. The pilot declared an emergency after at least one engine sucked in a large gull and

began vibrating badly. No one was hurt, but the airline spent about \$37,000 in repairs.

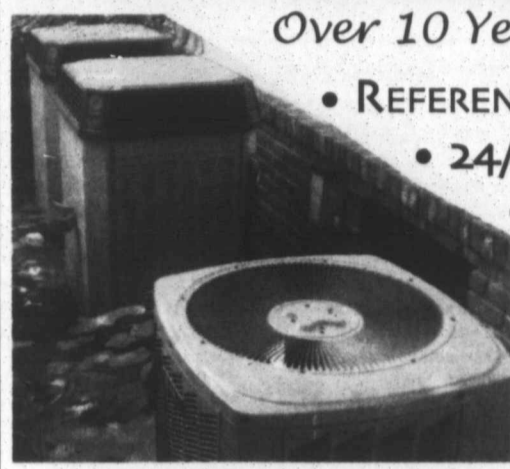
That same plane has experienced incidents in San Francisco; Salt Lake City; San Jose, Calif.; Houston; Denver; Toronto; New Orleans; Chicago and Spokane, Wash. Its most recent incident was weeks before Thanksgiving when it struck a single small bird during takeoff in Denver.

Since 2000, reported bird strikes have resulted in five fatalities and 93 injuries. The cost of repairs was estimated at more than \$267 million in inflation-adjusted dollars, but many of the incident reports contained no estimate of the repair cost.

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