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The Lady Harvesters softball team pose for team pictures before leaving Friday for playoff games in Lubbock

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The Cross Guys

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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One bullet in the leg transformed Jeremy Crook's life. Through a series of tragedies and hardships, Jeremy Crook and Tracy Kotara have found a way to fuse their two passions, welding and religion, into a business creating custom built landscape crosses.

The beginning

In a true case of being at the wrong place at the wrong time, Crook was sitting in a hotel room in Kansas when a bullet fired in another room came through the wall and hit his leg, shattering his femur bone and severing the main artery in his leg.

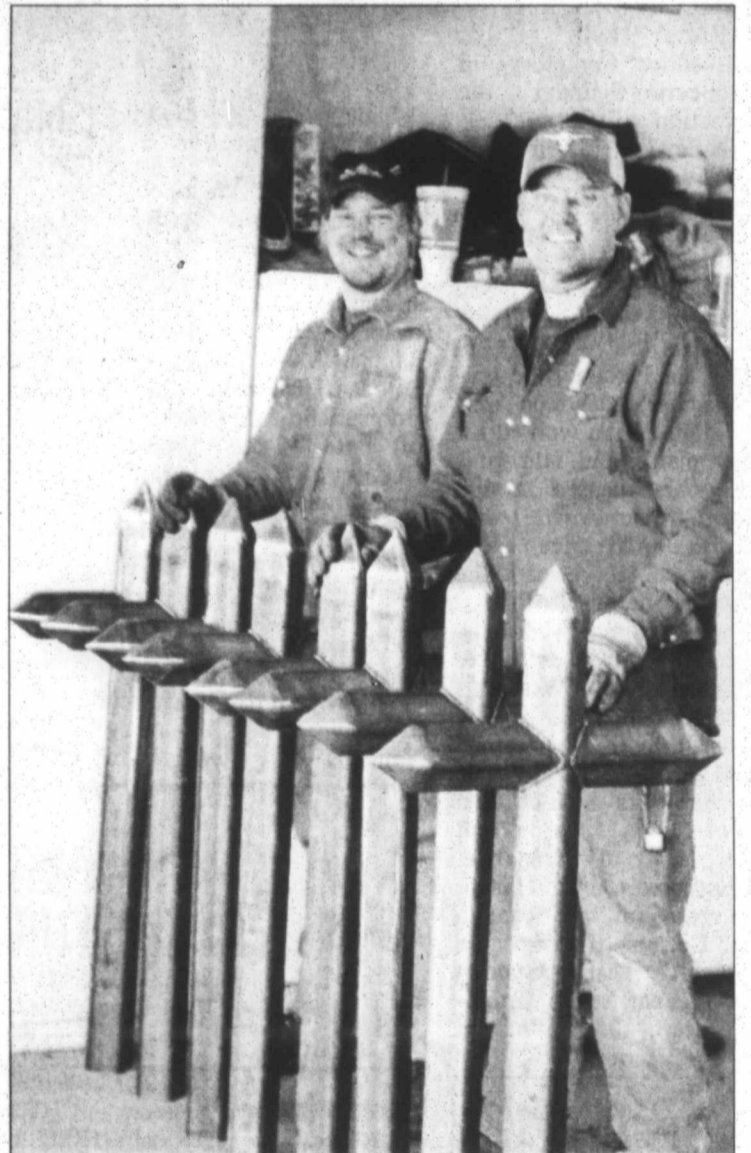
After spending time in critical condition in the ICU, Crook mostly

recovered from the bullet wound injuries, though he was left with a constant limp, disabled leg, and no job. Crook, who was a welder by trade before the injury, had been out of work as a welder for five months, all the while Kotara, his best friend, tried thinking of ways to find Crook work.

During Crook's recovery, Kotara's close friend Raymond died.

Kotara wanted to do something in remembrance of his friend, and a pastor suggested a landscape cross for the front of the church. Kotara, who occasionally welded as a hobby recruited Crook, an expert, for the task and together they built their first 12 foot cross in

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Submitted photos. Tracy Kotara and Jeremy Crook, both of White Deer, work together welding crosses for their custom built landscape cross business. While the business is still in it's infancy, crosses have been ordered from many states and cities all over Texas.



It's election day! **VOTE** The polls will be open at MK Brown from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 20%	 20%	
High 62 Low 47	High 66 Low 50	High 85 Low 59

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Calm wind becoming south-east between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southeast wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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Obituaries

Viva Willis Burgess, 98

Pampa, Texas — Viva Willis Burgess, 98, died on May 7, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2009, at Highland Baptist Church, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, officiating.

Burial will be at Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Burgess was born February 16, 1911 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1933. She married William "Bee" Burgess on August 26, 1937 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on April 2, 2000. Viva worked for Behrman's and numerous other businesses around town as an expert seamstress and sales clerk for over 50 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she attended the Business & Professional Women's Sunday School Class. She was an avid fisherwoman and gardener.

Survivors include two sons, Leon Meason and wife Pat of Arapahoe, Oklahoma, and Harold Burgess and wife Roberta of Corpus Christi; one daughter: Margo Stanley of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Norman



Viva Willis Burgess

Meason of Arapahoe, Oklahoma, Clint Stanley and wife Debbie of Parker, Colorado, Sharon Gatlin and husband Joe of Aurora, Colorado, Will Stanley of Pampa, Matt Stanley of Solodad, Colorado, Chris Burgess and wife Charlene of Poteet, and Teresa Burgess of Houston; eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents: Solomon and Myrtle Willis; six brothers and three sisters.

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Obituaries

Priscilla Ann Norris

Priscilla Ann Norris, our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers will host a gathering of family and friends to remember her life of 69 years Sunday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home, 82nd and Iola Avenue. The Celebration of her life will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Victory Life Baptist Church followed by a graveside service in Pampa, Texas at Fairview Cemetery at 4 p.m.

Priscilla Ann was born June 5, 1940 in Pampa,

Texas to Yokley and Janet Boulware Turnbo. She received a bachelors and masters degree from West Texas A&M. She married Jack Alexander in 1960 and the couple had two sons, Chris and Mark Alexander. Jack preceded her in death in 1988. She taught school for 17 years and was a school counselor for 11. In 1991, Priscilla married Jerry Dan Norris of Pampa. Jerry and Priscilla moved to Lubbock in 1992. She was a member of Victory Life Baptist Church.

She is survived by her spouse of 18 years, Jerry; her children, Chris Alexander and spouse, Lori of Lubbock, Mark Alexander

and spouse, Denelle of Irving, and Matthew Norris of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Joey and Jeffrey Alexander of Lubbock, Avery and Aden Alexander of Irving; siblings, Nathan Turnbo, and spouse, Bobbie of Oklahoma City, OK, Harold Turnbo, and spouse, Faye of Oklahoma City, OK, Glen Turnbo and spouse, Sharon of Odessa, Wanda Johnson of Lubbock, Jimmy Turnbo and spouse, Pat of San Antonio, Joe Turnbo and spouse, Carol of Midland, and Betty Lou Marak and spouse, Clarence of Pampa.

Memorial tributes may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd # 3



Priscilla Ann Norris

Lubbock, TX 79416.

You are invited to visit www.memorialdesigners.net to leave your words of encouragement to the family and to view a life tribute of Priscilla.

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Today.

Thursday Officers conducted 12 traffic stops.

A total of seven calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Somerville, where the south

side of a business window was broken.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester; and the 600 block of Lefors.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Crawford and Schneider streets, the intersection of Brown and Starkweather streets, the 1000 block of South Huff, and the 1500 block of North Sumner.

An offense against family and children was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of North Hobart, the 300 block of South Miami, the 1300 block of North Russell, the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, and the 100

block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of West Wilks, where a tire on a vehicle was cut; and the 1400 block of North Hobart.


Harassment was reported in the 2100 block of North

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DUE TO Mother's Day Activities, Pentecostal Holiness Church Gospel Singing will not be this weekend!! It has postponed until May 17th, Sunday afternoon, 2-4, 1700 Alcock Everyone welcome.

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HUGE ASPARAGUS ferns & geraniums. The greenhouses are popping. Potting Shed, 410 E. Foster. Also open for Mother's Day, 1pm-4pm.

MADLINE GRAVES Dance and Gymnastics Center Summer Registration. May 19th 4:30-7:00 1345 South Hobart. Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Pointe, Gymnastics, Cheer, Competitive Dance, Gymnastics Team, Cheer Team.

MOTHER'S DAY Special: at Granny's Home Cookin'. Turkey & dressing, ham, & all the trimmings, strawberry shortcake, \$9.75, Sun. 11am-? 328 E. Frederic, 669-6237.

PAMPA REGIONAL Medical Center is hosting a chili cook off celebrating National Hospital Week and benefiting local charity Friday, May 15, 5-8 pm. To enter please call Jennifer Black 663-5852 by Monday, May 11. Entry fee \$25. The public is invited to attend. Donations accepted.

PAMPA SHRINE Club We Cater!! 50-200 people. (approx 3000 sq ft) available for rent. Weddings, Banquets, Company Parties or Family Reunions. Kitchen facilities avail. at no extra chrg. Call Ben Watson 665-3359 to reserve!

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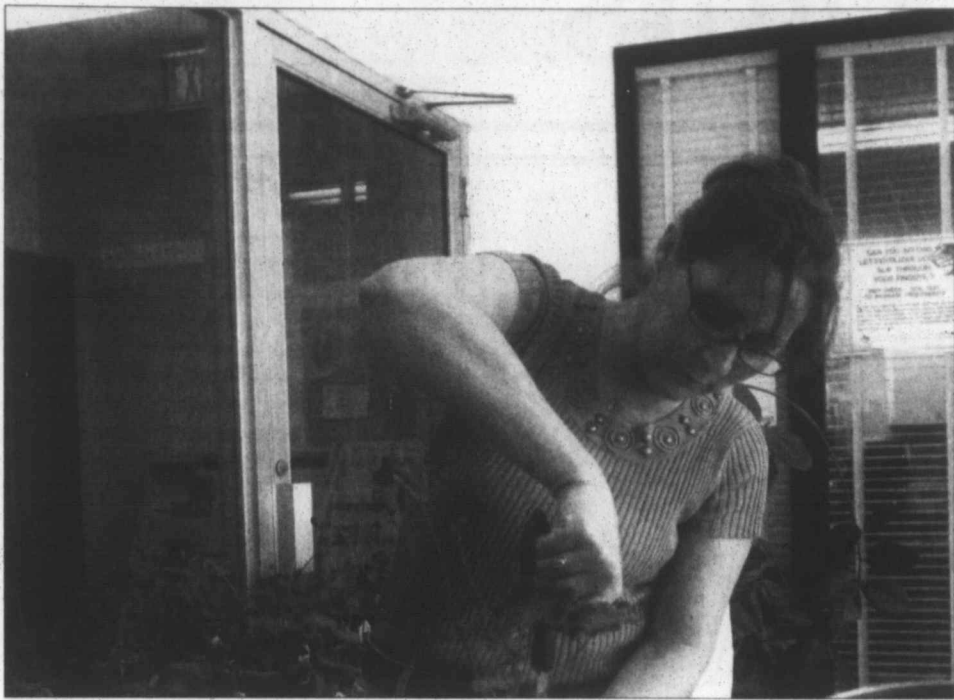


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NEED GERANIUMS?



staff photo by Rachel Stennett

Becky Bailey with the Gray County agent's office prunes geraniums at the county annex on East Frederick as she puts them out for sale. The Gray County 4-H is selling geraniums in their annual fundraiser. Bailey said all the money from the sale of the plants goes directly to the 4-H program to defray the costs of their programs and travel.

The Cross Guys

Raymond's honor.

Tragedy struck again when Kotara's grandmother died. He felt the same need to honor her memory with a cross, which now stands in front of the church she belonged to in White Deer.

While the two men worked together building the memorial crosses, and it became clear to them that there might be something more to their efforts.

Kotara and Crook decided to go into the cross building business, hoping to spread the faith to the public through the unique creations, and giving Crook a way to financially support his wife and children during his long road of recovery.

Now, less than a year after the first two crosses were welded together, the business is starting to take flight. What started in a garage, has spread across the nation with "The Cross Guys" crosses in West Virginia, North Carolina, and throughout Texas, including Dallas, Groom and Pampa.

The business

A daddy, mamma, and baby cross, as Kotara referred to them, are stationed on the side of the Highway 60, right outside the city limits of White Deer. The crosses, 12 feet, 8 feet, and 3 feet are brilliant white and diamond cut.

The crosses are intricately measured and require a lot of time and patience, according to Kotara. Kotara described the crosses as "dimensional" and a high-quality product. Finished with urethane paint, weld-

Sens approve trans fat ban

Daring to tinker with the hallowed formula for chicken fried steak and french fries, the Texas Senate voted Friday to ban the use of most trans fats in restaurants.

But, fearing a backlash from the sweet tooth lobby, the lawmakers provided an exemption for trans fats used to make cakes, pies and other bakery items.

"The icing exemption," is what Democratic Sen. Eliot Shapleigh called the loophole, explaining that cake icing doesn't stay put without the hydrogen pumped into the oil — the very process that makes trans fats unhealthy.

It would apply to all Texas restaurants by late 2011.

Another loophole — for nonprofit organizations — was inserted in part to ensure that corn dogs and other fried goodies served at rodeos and state fairs could still be cooked with trans fat.

Shapleigh, the author of the bill, stressed that the ban only applies to the type of oil used — not the food itself — even as critics panned any attempt to mess with Texas fried food.

ed together with strong, sturdy steel, and meticulously measured and welded till perfection, Kotara and Crook are proud of their custom made product.

"Our heart and soul are in this," Kotara said of the business. The business is still in its infancy stage, but Kotara and Crook are looking to expand it as much as possible.

Kotara still follows his first love, which is farming corn, cotton and wheat on over 4,000 acres in White Deer. But, nights, weekends, and during slow winter months, The Cross Guys are working together building crosses order by order.

The crosses can be used in a variety of different landscape locations, including churches, cemeteries, residences, farms/ranches, businesses, hill-sides, memorials, parks/landscaping, and prayer gardens. The crosses can be custom made to any size and come in white, off-white, red or black.

Plaques can also be attached to the cross with a dedication or memorial.

Kotara tells the story of the impact one cross has already had on a family.

A woman had lost her brother 40 years ago, but never had means to put any kind of memorial up at his burial site and never had

closure from death because of that.

The woman ordered a cross from The Cross Guys and placed it at her brother's site. She cried thanking the men, telling them thank you for the closure.

Even more than closure, Kotara says that the crosses can be a symbol of faith.

"They are a beautiful symbol of God and what He did for us," their company informational flier reads. "When driving up to your house or leaving you see the cross and it is a reminder that things aren't so bad. It's hard to find good in the world, it's nice to see a positive symbol of faith."

The guys

Both Kotara and Crook are rooted in religion, which helps add to the meaning of their business. Kotara's family built the first Catholic church in White Deer.

"We are polish and we came to America on faith alone, and faith alone we still stand," Kotara's sister Karla said. Kotara's entire family helps make the business a success, from creating ads, to photographing the welding in action, to building the web site, www.thecrossguys.com.

"These are two simple, small town, honest good hearted guys. The Cross

Two arrested on warrants

On May 8, members of the Pampa Police Special Response Team, Criminal Investigation Division, and the Patrol Division executed search warrants at 1013 Neel and 529 N. Nelson. Approximately 3.5 grams of suspected methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or ecstasy, and a residual amount of suspected crack cocaine were found at 1013 Neel. Approximately .06 ounces of marijuana were seized from the home at 529 N. Nelson. Curtis Lee Wine II was arrested at 529 N. Nelson; he is charged with:

Possession of marijuana in an amount of 2 ounces or less, a class B misdemeanor. If convicted, Wine faces 180 days imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine.

Possession of a Controlled Substance,

Penalty Group 2 over 1 gram under 4 grams, a 3rd degree felony. If convicted, Wine faces 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000.

Lindsey Michelle Terrell was also arrested at the home at 529 N. Nelson. Terrell was arrested for the following outstanding warrants:

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Pampa ISD Events for the Week of May 11-12

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

Pampa High School

- May 11 • Biology AP Test
- May 12 • Chemistry AP Test
- May 12 • Sophomore Parent Meeting/Clarendon College Partnership 6 p.m.
- May 12 • Tennis Banquet • 7 p.m.
- May 13 • English Language AP Exam
- May 14-15 • Shattered Dreams
- May 14 • BPA Banquet 7 p.m.
- May 15 • Spanish Lit AP Exam
- May 15 • SDC Banquet 7 p.m.
- May 16 • Prom MK Brown 7 p.m.
- May 17 • Vespers FBC • 4 p.m.

Pampa Junior High School

- May 11 • Booster Club Meeting • 6 p.m.
- May 13 • Muffins with Mom • 7 a.m. • Library
- May 15 • 8th Grade Picnic 10 a.m.

Austin Elementary

- May 12 • 4th Grade to Super Playground
- May 12 • Kindergarten to Wildcat Bluff
- May 13 • Head Start Visit • 10 a.m.
- May 14 • Library Closes
- May 15 • 5th Grade Talent Show

Lamar Elementary

- May 11 • Headstart Transition Visit to Lamar • 10 a.m.
- May 12 • Headstart Transition Visit to Travis Elementary
- May 13 • Headstart Transition Visit to Austin Elementary
- May 14 • Headstart Transition Visit to Wilson Elementary • 10 a.m.
- May 14 • 2nd Grade Field Trip to Discovery Center • 8 a.m.
- May 14 • 3rd Grade Field Trip to Palo Duro Canyon • 9 a.m.
- May 15 • Three Year Old Head Start Transition Visit to Lamar

Travis Elementary

- May 12 • Head Start Visit • 10 a.m.

Wilson Elementary

- May 11 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- May 12 • Booster Club Meeting • 6 p.m.
- May 13 • 3rd Grade Program "Star Search" • 2:15 p.m.
- May 14 • Head Start Visit • 10 a.m.

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

Walk for Life

Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa & The Hope House

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 9, the 129th day of 2009. There are 236 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
 1509 - Christopher Columbus sails from Cadiz on his fourth and last voyage to the New World, one that ends with his ships beached on Jamaica.

1788 - Britain passes parliamentary motion abolishing slave trade.

1914 - Mother's Day is proclaimed in the United States.

1933 - In Berlin, 25,000 books are thrown into bonfire in first of Nazi book burnings.

1960 - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves use of a birth control pill.

1978 - The bullet-riddled body of Italy's former Prime Minister Aldo Moro is found in parked car in central Rome, 54 days after his abduction by Red

1991 - Between 100,000 and 400,000 protesters

Television has changed the American child from an irresistible force into an immovable object.

— Laurence J. Peter, Canadian-born educator

1994 - Hundreds flee fighting between rival armies in Aden, Yemen; South Africa's newly elected parliament choose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

1999 - NATO launches new attacks on Yugoslav army positions in Kosovo

despite outrage over the mistaken bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade the day before.

2000 - In a landmark human rights trial, 13 Indonesian soldiers admit they were following orders when they dragged 26 student activists into a field in Aceh province and killed them.

2003 - The United States, Britain and Spain offer a draft U.N. Security Council resolution that would lift sanctions against Iraq and establish U.S.-led control of Iraq's postwar reconstruction for at least one year.

2004 - A bomb rips through a stadium in the Chechen capital during a Victory Day ceremony, killing provincial president Akhmad Kadyrov, the Kremlin-backed president for efforts to control separatist violence in the war-wracked region. Separatist rebels are blamed for the attack, which also killed 24 other people.

2008 - Myanmar's junta seizes two plane loads of U.N. aid shipments meant for hungry survivors of prior week's devastating cyclone, prompting the world body to suspend further help. U.S. military planes loaded with aid are denied access by the country's isolationist regime.

Today's Birthdays:

Giovanni Paisiello, Italian composer (1740-1816); James Pollard Espy, pioneering U.S. meteorologist (1785-1860); John Brown, U.S. anti-slavery activist (1800-1859); Sir James V. Barrie, English dramatist (1860-1937); Albert Finney, English actor (1936--); Glenda Jackson, English actress and politician (1936--); Candice Bergen, U.S. actress (1946--); Billy Joel, U.S. pop singer (1949--); James L. Brooks, U.S. director (1940--); John Corbett, U.S. actor (1961--).



Today's Women: Mothers and Leaders

Kay Bailey Hutchison
 U.S. Senator

This month, American families will celebrate Mother's Day and set aside one Sunday to honor the women who are the foundation of our society. Mothers are the first teachers of the leaders of tomorrow. They embody strength and tenderness, and impart wisdom and grace in the lives of their children. My own mother gave me the support in all my endeavors that strengthened my resolve to overcome obstacles.

President Theodore Roosevelt said, in honor of his mother, Martha, "The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist, or scientist."

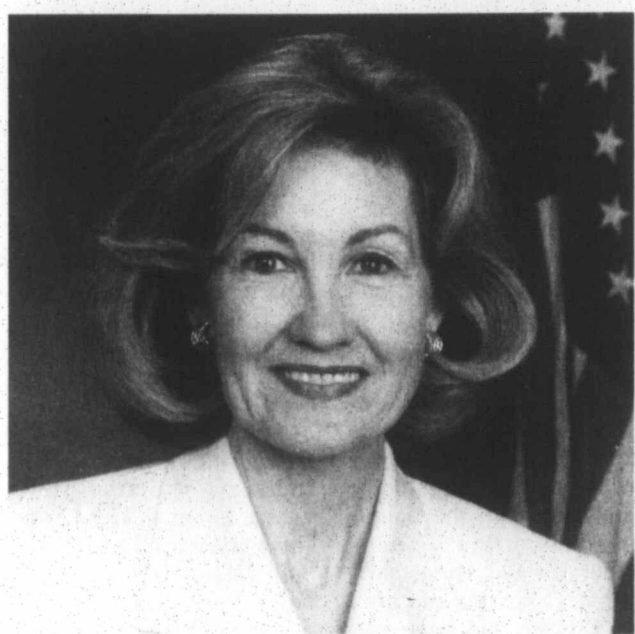
More and more in today's society, a woman has the opportunity to contribute to society both as a mother and a leader. As a U.S. Senator, I take my work very seriously. I never forget that the decisions I make each day impact the lives of millions of Texans. But I work 24-7 to do my most important job: being mother to my two children.

I am not alone in balancing such a great set of responsibilities. Twelve of the 17 women in the U.S. Senate are mothers. Seven of us are working moms with children at home, and we each juggle the daily demands of motherhood, while keeping up with the needs of our constituents. We arrange play dates, help

with math and spelling homework, attend sporting events, chaperone Girl and Boy Scout campouts, and more.

The experience of balancing a full-time job with a full-time family has given me a unique insight into the needs of working families across Texas and throughout our nation. Moms who work inside the home while volunteering for school, organizations, church and community, or those who work in a profession outside the home, deserve our gratitude. I have been fortunate to use this perspective to shape legislation that will empower mothers to make choices that are best for them and their children. In fact, two of my proudest legislative accomplishments have been borne out of family considerations.

When I was a single woman in the workforce, I started an individual retirement account to save tax-free for the future. I could set aside up to \$2,000 in this account. After I married and was in between careers, I learned that a married woman who didn't have an outside job could only set aside \$250. I was shocked by this inequity. A woman who works in the home raising her family may be the most vulnerable if she loses her husband through death or divorce. And a woman who moves in and out of the workforce to have children should not be penalized for responding to her family priorities. After I was elected to the U.S. Senate, one of the first pieces of legislation I intro-



duced was the homemaker IRA, which is the law today. It allows women to set aside the same amount, regardless of employment status.

Women who choose to work outside the home also should not be penalized for this choice. In many cases, a mother works because her income is necessary to help pay the mortgage, buy groceries, or put a child through college. Some just like to work. And the marriage tax, which unfairly targets husbands and wives who are jointly working to meet their family's needs, pushes married couples into a higher tax bracket than two single wage earners taking in the same combined income.

I began the fight to reverse this inequity in 2001. Under the old policy, an estimated 25 million

couples paid a penalty of \$1,141 for being married. In 2001, my legislation was enacted. On the first day of the 111th Congress, I introduced the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2009 to outlaw this tax policy, once and for all.

One day is not enough to recognize all that mothers do for their families, but it is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to that special mom in our lives.

Being a mother might be the hardest job in the world, and it is undoubtedly the most important. But it is also the most rewarding. One day is not enough to recognize all that mothers do for their families, but it is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to that special mom in our lives.

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

Letters to the editor

OPEN LETTER TO ALL TEXAS PANHANDLE RESIDENTS:

Once again it is springtime in the Texas Panhandle, and plans are already being made for the Annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet. This project was started in 1990 and was initiated to recognize and honor those outstanding Panhandle veterans who have distinguished themselves in the service of our country. Over the years, we have inducted individuals from Pampa, Amarillo, Canyon, Claude, Miami, Higgins and other area towns. These honored inductees have been recipients of such awards as the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and even three who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

We can never completely show our appreciation to these individuals for their bravery, love of country, and unselfish sacrifices, however in this small gesture, we hope to let the living and deceased know they are not forgotten and their sacrifices were not in vain. Unfortunately, some of these we honor have gone on to their final resting places, however, we

feel confident where ever they are, they will hear their names called and know they have not been forgotten.

In years past, to be eligible for induction into the Hall of Honor, the nominee needed to meet one of four criteria; born here in the 26 county Texas Panhandle, raised here, went into the service while living here or served at the Pampa Army Air Field during WWII. Because of the interest in this program, the board of directors has elected to expand the eligibility to include those individuals stationed in the 26 counties during their service, any individual who moved to the Panhandle after being discharged and made significant contributions in or to the military services and individuals who served in the Merchant Marine,

Coast Guard or civilians such as those who fought beside the Marines at Wake Island in WWII.

To nominate a deserving individual, we need a short narrative on their life, the branch of the military service in, the awards they received and if possible a copy of citations that accompanied the awards, plus any copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the nominee. In the narrative, we are encouraging the writer to tell about the nominee's contributions to his or her community following his years of service in the military. This will give our selection committee a better idea as to the overall merit of the individual. We need to have all the nominations in no later than July 1st. After the selection committee has made their

selection, the new inductees will be notified. The banquet will be held on Saturday, August 22, and 7 p.m. at the VFW post, 105 S. Cuyler in downtown Pampa. Please address all nominations to me in care of:

Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor
 c/o John L. Tripplehorn
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I will look forward to receiving all nominations, and it is truly an honor for me to be associated with such outstanding veterans.

Respectfully,
 John L. Tripplehorn
 President

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Around town



Karmen Buck explains the burkah being modeled by Caitlyn Sieck

Traveler shares experiences with local students

Mrs. Devoll, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Parker and Mrs. Studebaker's World Geography Classes had many hands-on activities the past month. Guest speakers have included Karmen & Jeremy Buck, who spoke to the classes about their experiences on living in Yemen for 2 years. Students got to try on traditional clothing for men & women in Yemen. Kathy Cavalier

spoke to the classes about her trip to China this past Summer. She included fascinating pictures of her journey and told the students about her cruise through the Three Gorges, just before they were flooded by the creation of the World's largest dam. Geography students also got to have a taste of China, food delivered to the class room by China Dragon.

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Local judge attends seminar

Judge Joe E. Martinez was both certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar, held April 7-10, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University-San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas. The

seminar is one of six held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Evictions, DWI Magistration, Traffic Law, Failure To Attend

School, Death reporting Requirements, Rights of the Accused, Basic Contracts, Electronic Case Filing, Clerkless Courts, Technology Fund, Age Related Alcohol Issues, Credit Card Cases, Criminal and Civil Round Table Discussions.

Golden Nail winners announced

Award winners were announced at the 27th Golden Nail Awards Gala held Friday night, May 1st, at the Amarillo Civic Center. More than 500 individuals, businesses and foundations were nominated from over the Panhandle.

Among the award recipients were two in the Pampa area, Jeanne Willingham, distinguished volunteer, for 37 years producing/directing "Nutcracker" in Pampa during the Christmas season; the Laura Viola Scott Charitable Trust for support to Pampa Fine Arts Association for continued

work on their Vision Fund project of refurbishing the Burlington depot to an art center. Laura Viola "Holmes" Scott was reared in the White Deer/Pampa vicinity. Other nominees as distinguished volunteers from Pampa area are Pat & Raye Bagley for support of Christmas light and displays in Recreation Park during December each year; Sena Brainard, Amy Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wicker, Mr. and Mrs. Swasey Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Cree for support to Pampa Fine Arts Association, Lilith Brainard

for supporting Pampa Fine Arts Association and the Woody Guthrie Center, Julia Long for Create a Beat after school program for children. The Pampa News was nominated for a special media award for generous consistent support of the fine arts.

Established in 1982, the purpose of the Golden Nail Awards is to honor those whose financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude the impact on the arts is significant.

Coronado Resident of the Month for April

Anne Sissom is the resident of the month for April, 2009 at Coronado Healthcare Center. Anne is married to Charley Sissom, they have been married over 50 years. She has a daughter and son-in-law that live in Dumas and has one granddaughter living in Amarillo. She is a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, and has been a resident of Coronado Healthcare Center for about 1 year. She is active in Sr. Fitness, Bible Study, Resident Council, Food Prep Class, Memory Lane, Current Events, Social Events, Bingo and Church Services.



Anne Sissom

Around town

WELCOME

Amelia Grace Smith

Leanee and Kevin Smith welcomed their daughter Amelia Grace Smith at 3:47 p.m. March 13, 2009. Amelia weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long at birth. She was born in the Plano Medical Center, Plano.

Her grandparents are Billy and Debbie Smith of Pampa, and Kim and Ray Stevens of Havasu City, AZ. Her great grandparents are Richard and Jerry Armstrong of Lubbock and Beverly Bryant of Havasu City, AZ.



Peters celebrate 50 years

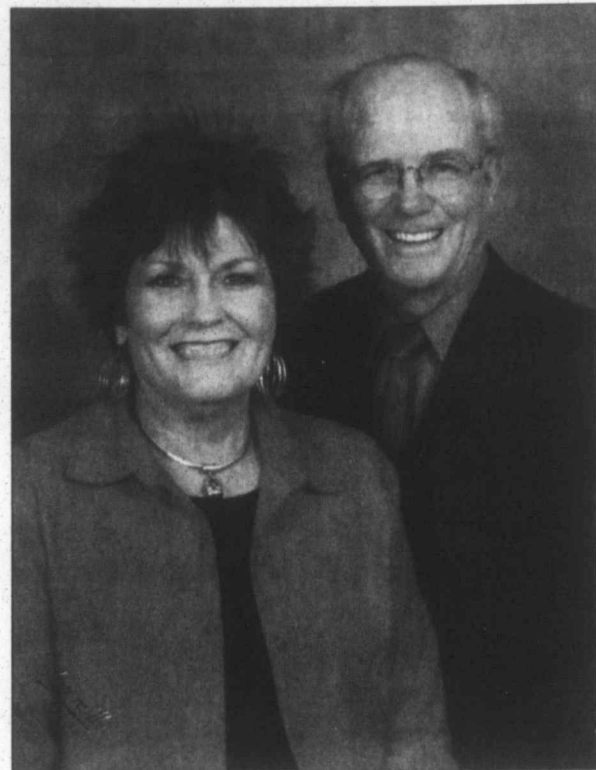
May 10, 1959, Ralph Peters from Whiteface met Joyce Wiley on the drag in Levelland, Tx. In September 1957. He quickly asked her out and she gladly accepted. After a short romance, he asked her to marry him and she said yes. They were married on May 10, 1959 in Levelland, Tx.

Ralph started working for Cities Service Oil Co. in 1957. After being transferred several times, they ended up in Pampa in 1976. After leaving Cities Service he started his own oil and gas production business, Ananda Energy in 1986.

Ralph and Joyce are members of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

They are the parents of Terry & Lisa Needham, Sherae Peters & Derek & Teresa Peters, all of Pampa.

They are the grandparents of Jereomy & Misty Braddock, Chase Cook, Kevin & Heidi Needham,



Shelby Needham, Sarah Peters, Halee Morin, Brodie Peters, Zachary Peters & Katelyn Peters. 1 Great-Grand daughter Adalee Hindelang. They will be celebrating their anniversary at a dinner with their children and grandchildren.

Kaedyn Lee Owens

Casey and Chanel Owens of Corpus Christi welcomed Kaedyn Lee Owens

to their family on March 30, 2009 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Kaedyn weighed 8

pounds 13 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

Her grandparents are Gerrel and Jerry Owens of Pampa, Texas and Chuck and Dixie Lawson of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Great grandparents are Peggy Winegeart of Pampa, Texas, Jack and Jane Edmondson of Canyon, Texas, Charles Lawson and the late Delphine Lawson of Beeville, Texas, and Marion Norris of Austin, Texas.



Perceptor Theta Iota club news

Perceptor Theta Iota met in the home of Nancy Brogdin in Pampa, April 13th, 7:30pm. Ann Franklin, President presided. Nancy Brogdin Recording Secretary called roll and read minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. Janice Hubbard, Treasurer, gave Treasurer report, and committee reports were heard. Correspondence from International order of Rose Programs were received for Founder's Day, April 30th. Girl of the Month was voted on. Scholarship applications were read and voted on. Perceptor Theta Iota also recently met in the home of Nita Hill in Pampa, on April 27th, at 7:30pm. Ann Franklin, President presided. Nancy Brogdin, Recording Secretary called roll and read minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. Nita Hill gave the Treasurer report in the absence of Janice Hubbard, Treasurer. Officers and committee reports were heard. Installation of officers were held. Results being Pat Kindle-President, Barbara Benyshek-Vice President, Nancy Brogdin-Recording Secretary, Nita Hill-Corresponding Secretary and Janice Hubbard Treasurer. Founder's Day will be April 30th, 6:30pm. at Pampa Country Club. Nathan Dennis, the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Recipient for 2009, will be a guest. End of Year Meeting and Social will be held May 11, 7:30pm. at the home of Carolyn Smith.

Hukill named to Dean's List

Lubbock: Texas Tech University has named Cody Hukill to the Spring 2009 Dean's List. Hukill is a senior mechanical engineering major enrolled in TTU's College of Engineering. To qualify for the distinction, a student must maintain

a 3.5 or higher GPA while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours at the university. Hukill is a 2005 Pampa High School graduate. He is the son of Wes and Lori Hukill of Pampa.

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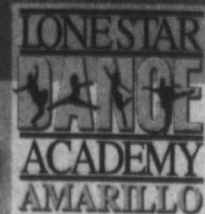
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Kirbys celebrate 60 years of matrimony



Kenneth and Marie Kirby of Pampa, Texas will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 16.

Kenneth Kirby and Marie Palmer were married May 18, 1949 in Wichita Falls, Texas

They have three sons, David Kirby of Oklahoma City, Steve Kirby of Pampa, Texas and Stan Kirby of Lubbock, Texas. They have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Kenneth retired after 30 years from the Pampa Fire Department in 1987.

He is a member of Alex and Pampa Masonic Lodges. Marie is a member of the Eastern Star.

Friends and family are invited to attend an Anniversary Reception Saturday May 16, 2009 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club, 1765 E. Harvester Ave. Pampa, Texas

Mathews and Brame to exchange vows

Billy and Charlotte Mathews of Royse City, and Bruce and Debbie Brame of Skellytown, are thrilled to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children Brandi Mathews and Jacob Brame.

Brandi is a 2001 graduate of Caddo Mills High School and a 2007 graduate from WTAMU. She is employed by Hereford High School where she teaches Freshman Biology and coaches Volleyball and Softball. Jacob graduated from White Deer High School in 2003 and is employed with Western Builders in Amarillo. He will complete a four year term with the Carpenter's Apprenticeship Program next fall.

The couple plans a June 20, 2009 wedding in Canyon, Texas, and will be going to Riviera Maya, Mexico for their honeymoon. They will make their home in Canyon.



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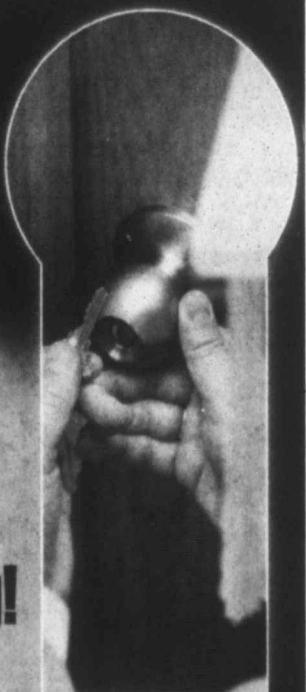
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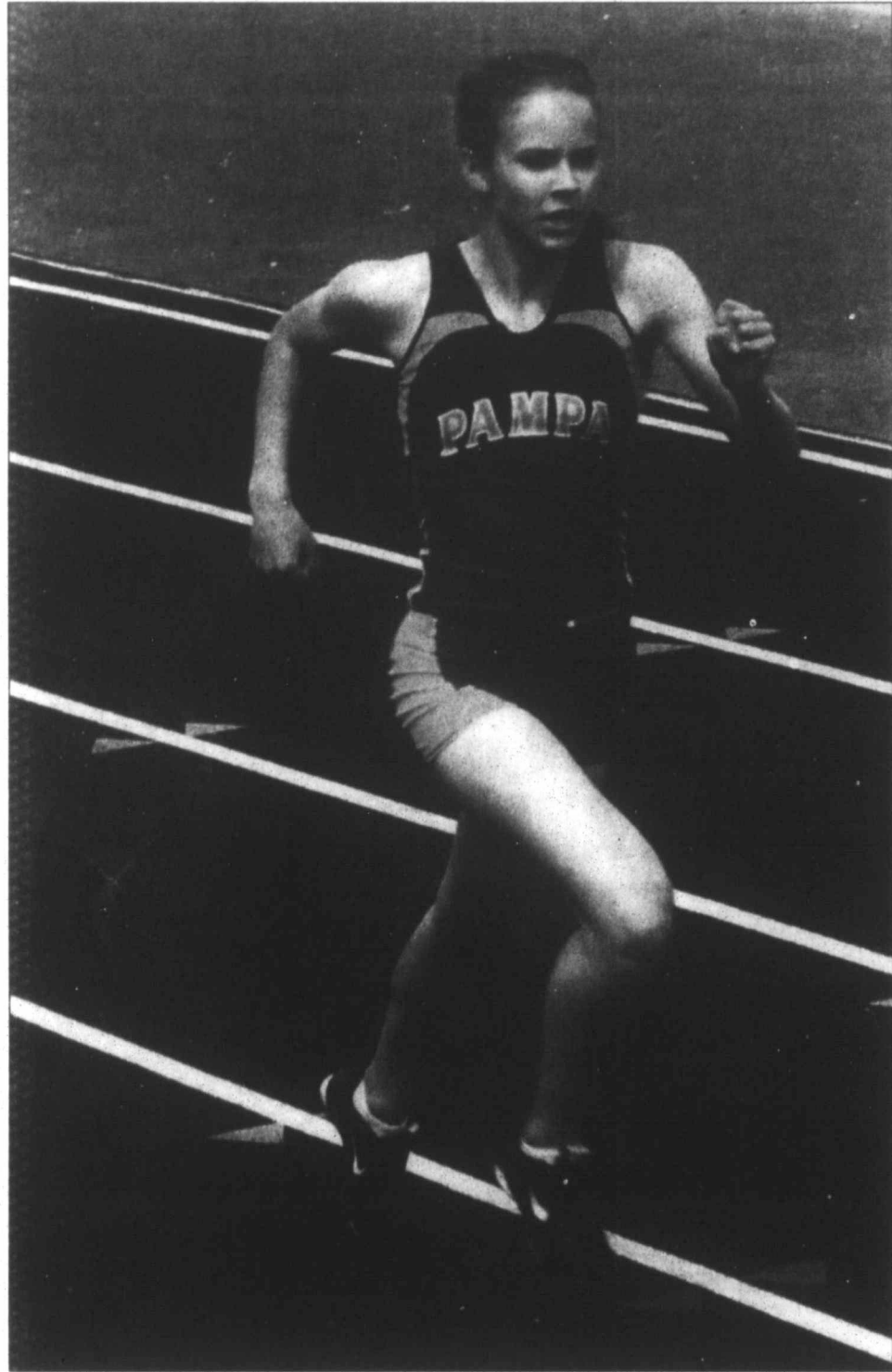
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Around town

PARKER HEADED TO REGIONALS



Pampa High School Junior Natalie Parker will be headed to Odessa May 15 to participate in the Regional Track and Field Meet. Parker qualified in the 400 meter run finishing third at the District Track Meet held in Hereford April 18th with a time of 1:00:07 (a personal best). This is Parker's third year to make regionals. She will be accompanied by her coaches Gene Valentine and Mark Elms, and parents C. W. and Louis Parker. Parker, who knows that competition is tough at the regional level, says her goal is to do well and run a new personal best breaking the minute barrier.

Pampa grad plays on national championship team

Layce Beesley played four years of basketball at Pampa High School. She is the daughter of Rick and Kelly Beesley and granddaughter of Ed and Jennie Barker. Layce graduated in 2008 and signed with Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Oklahoma to play as a starting forward. Layce has had the opportunity to travel across the United States with the Lady Eagles in tournaments and championship competitions.

The team won the A.C.C.A. National Championship in March of this year.



Layce cutting down her piece of the net after the championship game.

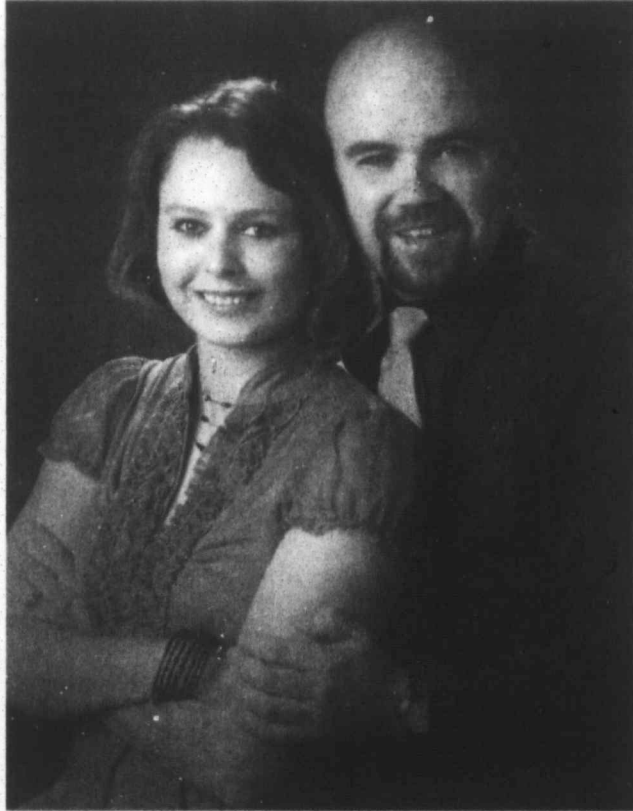
House panel OKs smoking ban bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The House State Affairs Committee has approved a smoking ban bill, a watered-down version of the original bill.

The committee approved the measure 8-4 on Friday. Advocates for a statewide ban, led by the coalition Smoke-Free Texas, praised the fact that a bill emerged from committee but said it has concerns that the original intent of Republican Rep. Myra Crownover's legislation would be destroyed in what was approved.

The intent was to eliminate smoking and the dangers of second-hand smoke in workplaces and public places. But the substitute measure would exempt some places.

Cates, Crown to wed

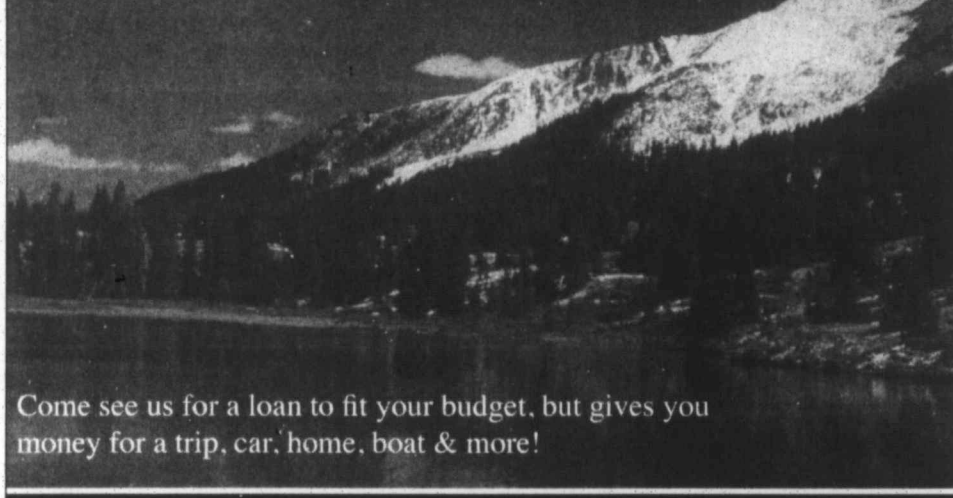


Tim and Debbie Crown of Canyon, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Elizabeth Crown, also of Canyon, Texas, to Damian Alvin Cates. Parents of the prospective groom are Doug and Delpha Cates. The wedding is set for Friday June 26, 2009 at the WTAMU Buffalo Room and Isley Terrace in Canyon, Texas.

Mary is a graduate of Canyon High School, class of 1997, and received a BS in Education from WTAMU in 2001. She is currently employed with Hereford ISD. Damian is a graduate of Pampa High School, class of 1993, and received a BS from Texas Tech in 2000. He is currently employed with Titan Specialties.

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WEEKLY MENUS

Pampa Meals on Wheels
Monday May 11
 Chicken pot pie
 Pickled beets
 Salad
 Pudding

Tuesday May 12
 Pancake
 Bacon
 Eggs
 Peaches

Wednesday May 13
 Lasagna
 Broccoli
 Garlic bread
 Salad
 Pineapple

Thursday May 14
 Sloppy Joe
 Tater tots
 Cole slaw
 Mixed fruit

Friday May 15
 Fish sandwich/ tarter sauce
 Lettuce, onion
 Carrots salad
 Apricots

Pampa Senior Citizens
Monday.... Chicken fried steak or chicken/ham

tetrazzini
 Mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
 Devils food cake or cheery crême pie
 Hot rolls or cornbread

Tuesday.... meatloaf of chicken salad
 Mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
 Applesauce cake or chocolate sundae cups
 Hot rolls or cornbread

Wednesday.... Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice
 Mashed potatoes, fried squash, turnip greens, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
 Marble cake or lemon pie
 Hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday.... Chicken strips or beef enchiladas
 Curly fries, spanish rice, cheese hominy, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
 Strawberry shortcake or butterscotch pie
 Hot rolls or cornbread

Friday.... catfish and hushpuppies or beef stew

Potato wedges, California blend, beans
 Slaw, tossed, Jello salad
 Turtle brownies or tapioca cups
 Garlic breadsticks, hot rolls, cornbread

Pampa Independent School District Menu

Monday, May 11
 Popcorn chicken pr pizza
 Whipped potatoes
 Corn
 Mixed fruit
 Hot roll
 Breakfast: french toast sticks

Tuesday, May 12
 Breakfast for lunch or chicken nuggets
 Potato rounds
 Rosie applesauce
 Biscuit
 Breakfast: blueberry pancake n' sausage

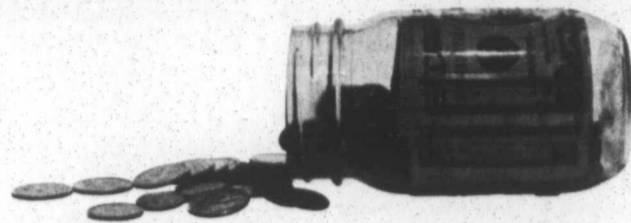
Wednesday, May 13
 Ravioli or chef salad
 Green beans
 Cheesy potatoes
 Fresh fruit
 Garlic toast
 Breakfast
 Breakfast pizza

Thursday, May 14
 Steak fingers or cheese nachos
 Western beans
 Broccoli florets
 Peaches
 Pudding
 Breakfast: biscuit, sausage patti

Friday, May 15
 Mini twin cheeseburgers or hot dog
 Pinto beans
 Burger salad
 Pineapple tidbits
 Breakfast: cereal, toast

Wilson Kid's Cafe
May 11
 Hamburger stew
 Cornbread
 Dessert
 Drink
May 12
 Spaghetti
 Salad
 Garlic toast
 Dessert
 Drink

Briarwood Kid's Cafe
May 14
 Chili dogs
 Pork n' beans
 Chips
 Dessert
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Bruce Ammons

Sunday, May 17

Bruce will be speaking at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A snack supper will be served at 6 p.m.

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- Bruce Ammons Ministries and the "Conquering Debt God's Way" seminar is based on the personal financial struggles and breakthroughs Bruce Ammons and his family has experienced. After years of financial stress and debt accumulation, Bruce and his family decided they had had enough and that is when God revealed to them the amazing 5 step principles that Bruce teaches in his seminar.
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75th annual golf tourney set

The 75th anniversary of the Tri-Senior Golf Tourney is just around the corner and organizers are hoping for 100 participants.

The 4-day tourney (July 20-23), which benefits the Clarendon College Scholarship Fund, will offer money prizes for a 4-person scramble and lowball competitions. In addition, each flight will receive \$2,000 in pro shop gift certificates.

The \$180 entry fee will include a shirt and Jacket and several evening meals.

"We are trying to get 100 people signed up to play this year," said Dick Stowers, one of the event organizers. Last year the tourney drew approximately 45 participants.

The tourney sign-up deadline is June 1.

For more information, contact Stowers at 661-3555 or James Stavenhagen at 665-993

Workshops offered to small museums

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas heritage is at risk in facilities throughout the state. With more than 500 local history museums across Texas, less than 25 percent have a plan for dealing with potential emergencies. As a result, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will begin offering training workshops in June and July aimed at increasing the abilities of small and medium sized history museums to anticipate, respond and recover from an emergency.

The workshops will be led by conservator Rebecca Elder of Amigos Library

Services and coordinated in partnership with the Texas Association of Museums. They will be offered in 12 locations throughout Texas including Angleton, Beaumont, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Nacogdoches and Pittsburg. Registration is \$25 per person and is limited to 30 people. Each participating institution is permitted two attendees. Advance registration is required at <https://www.io.com/tam/thcworkshop>.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



7th Grader, Ryan DeVuyst from Community Christian School reads to the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade class during their reading time.

Letter says pre-k crime prevention necessity

Thirty-one law enforcement leaders from across Texas co-signed a letter today calling on the Texas State Legislature to support legislation that would boost the quality of vital pre-kindergarten programs for children.

The law enforcement leaders wrote:

"We strongly believe that investments in pre-kindergarten are the best way to help kids get the right start in life and to succeed in school, which in turn, will significantly reduce crime. We know that Texas can achieve more in this area, by increasing access to proven programs that help our youngest children develop into strong students and citizens."

The legislation, HB 130 and SB 21, would improve and enhance full-day pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds, who meet standards that include economic and educational requirements.

Currently, school districts in Texas are required to offer a half-day pre-kindergarten program if at least 15 children who are economically disadvantaged reside in the district. The requirement also stands if children in the district who meet other requirements, such as being English language

learners, homeless, previous or current foster care participants, or children of a military parent. There were 182,000 four-year-olds enrolled in district prekindergarten programs in the 2007- 2008 school year, roughly 50 percent of an estimated 362,000 four-year-olds in Texas.

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Emergency Services (cont. from pg. 2)

PAMPA PD

Lea.
A welfare check was made in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

Civil matters were reported in the 2500 block of Charles.

Friday
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of East Frederic, the intersection of Highway 60 and Highway 70, and the 500 block of North Magnolia.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Thursday
Mack Dillian Horton, 19, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for motion to revoke/evading arrest or detention.

Richard Harrison Leger, 27, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for a warrant on evading arrest or detention.

Harvey Ray Chester Green, 48, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for warrants in Wise County for theft of property by check greater than \$20 but less than \$500.

Lonnie Dale Fly, 44, was arrested by the PPD for warrants on bond surrender for possession of marijuana Deborah Dee Chandler, 49, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for evading arrest or detention with vehicle, tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, and driving while license invalid.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Today.

8:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Buckler on a med assist.

9:48 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a medical call.

11:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

Friday
3:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of East Louisiana on a medical assist.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Today.

Thursday
8:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Buckler. The call was cancelled in route.

9:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Harvester. The call was cancelled in route.

11:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

12:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 11000 block of Eshom and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

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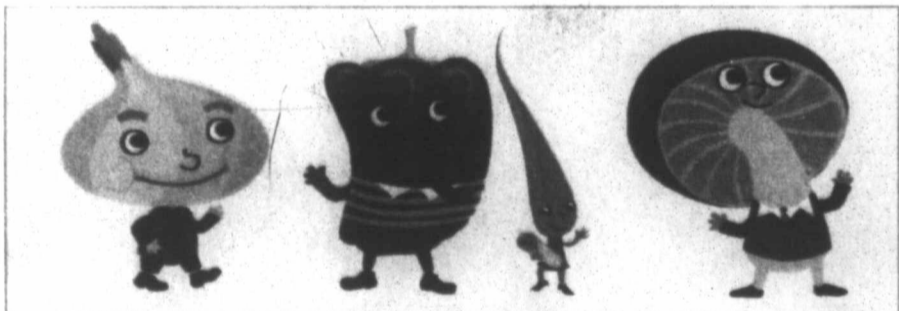


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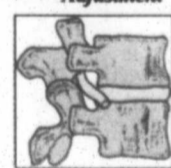
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A wrecker prepares to remove what's left a truck that Ethan Mitchell, 17, and Trey Mohler, 14, were riding in when it wrecked. Both had only minor injuries because they were wearing seat belts. (Photos courtesy of the Mitchell and Mohler families)

Teens credit seat belts for saving lives in wreck

COLLEGE STATION — Buddies Ethan Mitchell, 17, and Trey Mohler, 14, left home at 6 a.m. one day last February headed to the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show.

Hours later, they were checking on their animals at the show barn — but only after a three-hour stint in the hospital for sprained ankles and wrists, CT scans, stapled lacerations across the head and a shoulder injury.

The two escaped the crumbled remains of their wrecked pickup with minor injuries due to seat belts and air bags. Their families are grateful that they insisted their children use seat belts from an early age.

"Let the kids complain — it's hot, I can't move — when you make them buckle up," said Ethan's mother, Biddy Mitchell.

"I'm so thankful that the Lord made us such 'mean' parents that buckling the seat belt became a habit."

Unlike Mitchell and Mohler, many young drivers and their passengers do not buckle up in vehicles.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year olds in America, and that's due in large part to low seat belt use," said Bev Kellner, Texas AgriLife Extension Service passenger safety specialist. "More than half of the young drivers killed in 2007 weren't wearing seat belts at the time of the crash."

Teens also should know: — More than 4,800 teens were killed in traffic accidents last year. That would be like having every student at a couple of large high schools suddenly die.

— Almost 60 percent of the teen drivers were not wearing a seat belt when the wreck happened.

— About half of the teen drivers who were killed were not wearing a seat belt during daytime



Ethan Mitchell, 17, and Trey Mohler, 14, escaped the wreck with minor injuries.

wrecks; almost 65 percent of them were not wearing a seat belt during nighttime wrecks.

So serious is the situation, that this year's national "Click It or Ticket" campaign will focus on young drivers and passengers.

Kellner said a special mobilization targeting 16-20 year olds in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo and Tarrant counties will be conducted from May 11-17, because those are the counties with the highest rate of fatalities for unbuckled teens.

From May 18-31, extra law enforcement officers will be looking statewide for drivers and occupants not wearing seat belts.

"Anyone violating the seat belt laws will receive a ticket and a fine," Kellner noted.

Rather than spend money on a ticket, experts suggest, motorists can save money and possibly their lives by wearing a seat belt.

This year, teens who visit <http://www.clickitorticketmusic.com/> to watch a short video about how seat belts can save lives can download one of 13 popular music files from the site.

"The goal is to get more

young drivers and their passengers to always buckle up, every trip, every time," Kellner said. "A seat belt is the best defense against motor vehicle injuries and deaths."

More information about Click It or Ticket can be found at <http://www.nhtsa.gov>.

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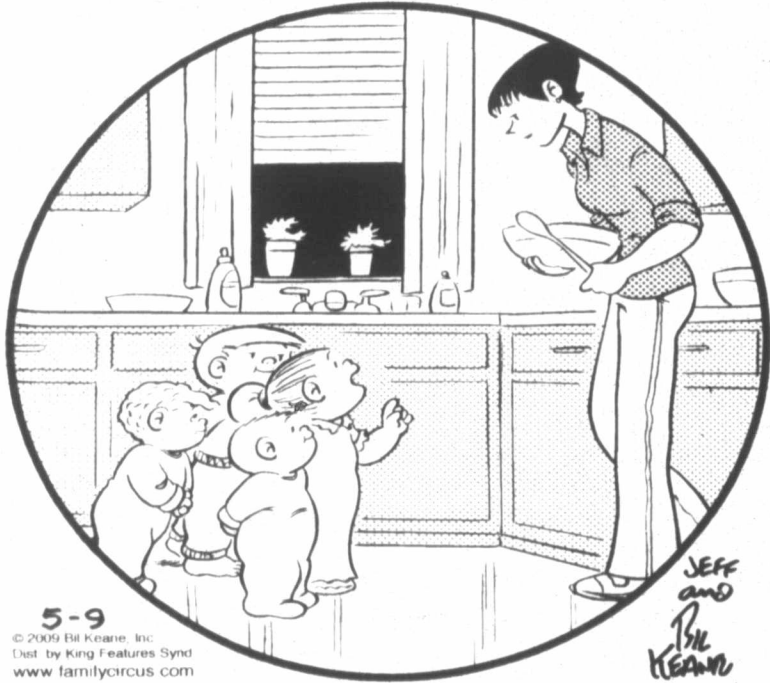
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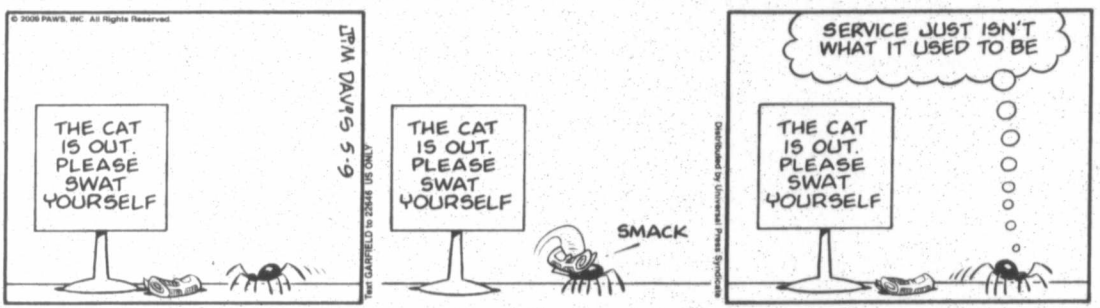
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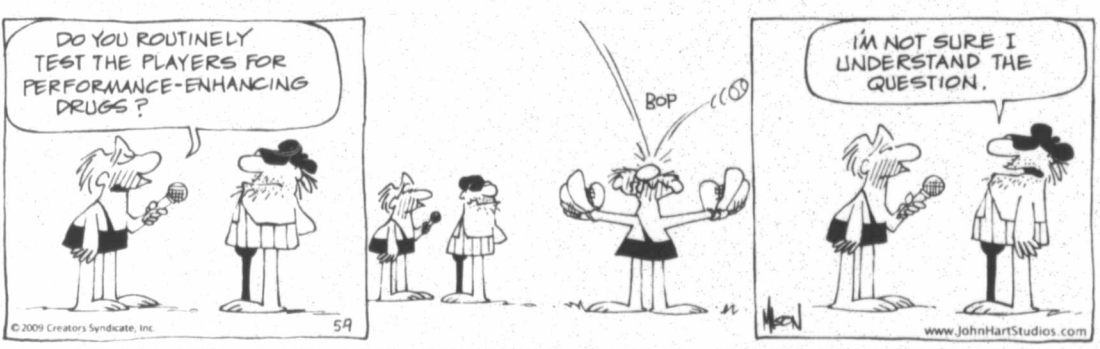
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4 shot, including 2 children, while off-roading

HOUSTON (AP) — A married couple remained jailed Friday on aggravated assault charges alleging they blasted four people with shotguns — including a 7-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl — who they mistakenly thought were trespassing on their property.

The victims, who were off-roading near a residential area about 40 miles northeast of Houston, were wounded late Thursday after stopping their vehicles near the Trinity River so the children could go to the bathroom, Liberty County Chief Deputy Ken DeFoor said Friday.

Donald Coffee Jr., the 7-year-old boy, was shot in the head and remained in critical condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston on Friday. Patrick Cammack,

a friend of the boy's father who was driving in a separate vehicle, also was shot in the head and in critical condition at the hospital. Donald Coffee Sr., 36, had a pellet wound in his right shoulder. His daughter, Destiny, was shot in the elbow but was in good condition.

DeFoor said the gunshots rang out about 9 p.m., when Sheila Muhs, 45, fired once with a 12-gauge shotgun then handed it to her husband, Gale Muhs, also 45. DeFoor said Sheila Muhs called 911 and told the dispatcher, "They're out here tearing up the levee, so I shot them."

The Muhs, who have been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, are both in the Liberty County Jail. Criminal records showed that Gale Muhs has two

prior drunken driving convictions. The Muhs don't have an attorney yet to comment on their case, DeFoor said.

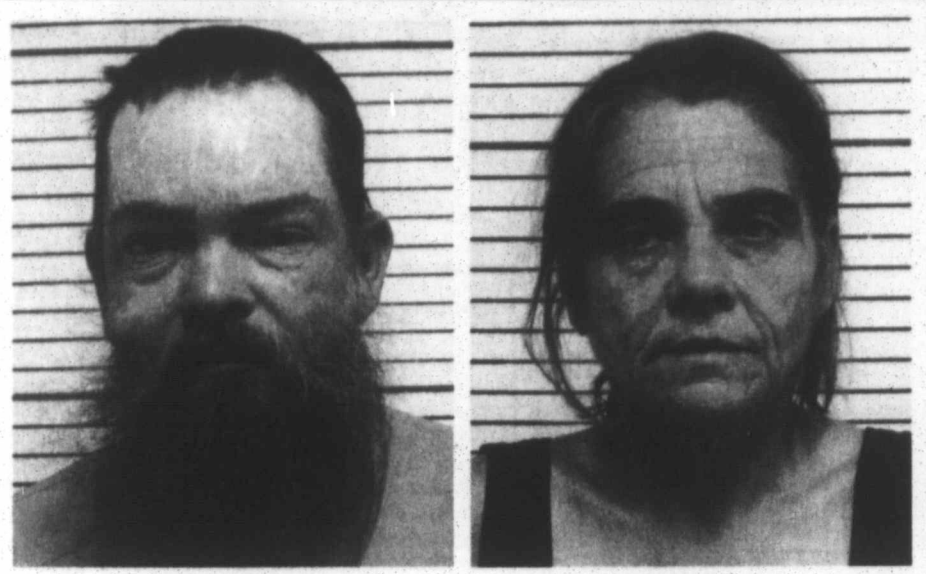
Coffee's wife, who was riding in the SUV, drove the vehicle to a nearby fire station, where the victims were taken by helicopter to the hospital. The right rear window of the SUV had been shattered, and pellet marks covered the side of the vehicle, DeFoor said.

Coffee and Cammack took a county road to a residential levee in the Westlake subdivision near the Trinity River in the Dayton.

According to an 11-year-old boy who was also with the off-roading group, they did not stop on the levee but by the side of the road, DeFoor said.

Shortly afterward, DeFoor said, the shots

were fired from about 40 "Even if they were on the



Gale Muhs

Sheila Muhs

yards away. DeFoor said the victims were unarmed.

"The levee is not private property, it belongs to the subdivision," said DeFoor.

levee, it's not a shootable offense. It's ludicrous to shoot someone for going to the bathroom on the side of the road."

'Underemployed' get by on fewer hours

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Jody Taylor dodged the bullet twice in the past year when the industrial-coating factory where she works as a machine operator went through a series of layoffs. But her hours have been cut back to a four-day workweek.

In this economy, she considers herself lucky.

"I did lose some money, but I still have a job and health benefits," said Taylor, 51, a single parent whose 17-year-old son recently had his wisdom teeth pulled. "Honest to God, I don't know how anybody can do it without their benefits."

Taylor has joined the burgeoning ranks of the "underemployed" — the 8.9 million Americans who would prefer full-time jobs but must make do with part-time work.

Their numbers have shot up from 5.2 million a year ago, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday. The April total was down only slightly from 9 million in March, the most since record-keeping began in 1955, the agency said.

The ranks of the underemployed have swelled as tens of thousands of businesses resort to shorter workweeks, furloughs and seasonal shutdowns to avoid deeper cutbacks. Often, these involuntary

part-timers get to keep at least some of their benefits.

With her two-week paycheck more than \$100 lighter, Taylor rarely eats out, relies more than ever on grocery discounts and has cut out nights at the movies. She won't be replacing her 1993 Toyota any time soon.

"It can always get worse," said Taylor, a 21-year employee at Applied Coatings Inc. "At my age, to start over somewhere else would be very tough."

Billy Mendoza, 23, an Apple Inc. tech-support representative in Las Cruces, Texas, dropped down to a 25-hour workweek from "OT all the time" last year. As his bills pile up, he has canceled Internet service, switched to a cheaper satellite TV package and opts for game nights with friends instead of nights out.

The worst thing about losing \$200 a week?

"Just not being able to really do anything," Mendoza said. But hardest of all is not being able to afford to travel to Kansas since January to see his 1-year-old son, who lives with his former girlfriend. He is saving up for his next trip this summer.

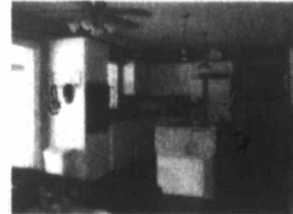
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