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Getting the Pampa High School commons ready for opening day, Chris Urteaga welds cross pieces into place on handrails in the commons area. Jeff Popp with Western Builders said that while there will still be some work left to do, the renovated building will be ready for students and teachers when school opens in August.

PHS will be ready when teachers return

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 Builders at Pampa High School plan to have the parking lot completed before teachers return to school for the fall semester. "We're planning on having the parking lot ready by the time the teachers get there," said Mark Benton with Western Builders. Benton said concrete and asphalt paving at the high school should begin next week. They are

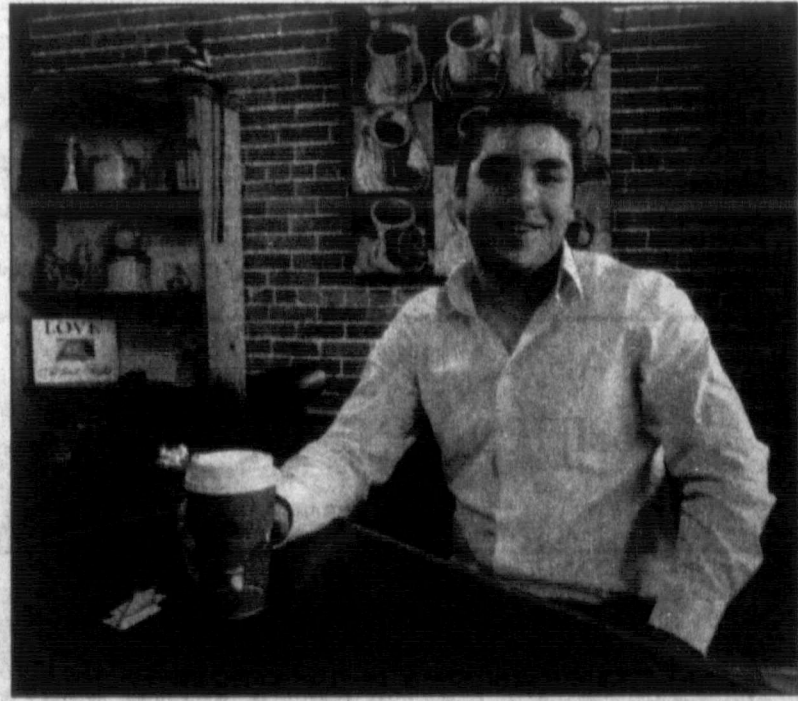
now working on the curbs and gutters at the high school. Benton told the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees during their regular meeting Thursday night that they plan on having the parking lot on the north side of the school finished by Aug. 10. "Teachers are coming in that week," Benton said. "We're getting it striped right before they come in." He said they would still be

doing some sidewalk work and landscaping. Benton said that construction workers would be working right up until school begins. "We'll be moving teachers in," he said, "and we'll be moving out." He said that they expect to start waxing floors in the basement, one of the last steps as they finish construction, the second week of August. Benton said they are pushing to

finish the bookroom by Aug. 1. "We'll start moving text books in there," he said. On the first floor, he said they would be installing new doors on the west end, but that may not be completed before school begins. "We patched the crack in the floor that's been there forever," Benton said. They'll start grinding on it Monday. *PHS cont. on page 3*

Pampa provides stability for a hardworking teen

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 Each year, Pampa's best and brightest leave to seek their fortunes elsewhere. Ian Lopez is no different, but Pampa has provided stability for the high school senior. Born in Seattle, the 17-year-old moved to Mexico City; to McAllen, where his mother had a software company; back to Mexico City; to Atlanta, Ga.; and to Ocean City, Maryland, before settling in Pampa. His parents divorced when he was three. When his mother decided to move back to Mexico City last year, he revolted. He told her he wanted to stay in Pampa, and he did. "At first she wasn't okay



staff photo by David Bowser
 Ian Lopez on a break from one his three jobs. The hardworking teen wants to attend Harvard, but right now Pampa offers him stability in his life after moving too many times.

Texas Xcel customers to get refund

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy retail customers in Texas will soon be receiving a refund on their bills because of lower fuel costs. The refund will be a one-time credit based on August usage. A residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours in August will receive a credit of \$23.60. Because the refund will be calculated on August usage, customers can expect to see the credit on bills received in August, September and/or October depending on their billing cycles. Xcel Energy collects its fuel and purchased-energy costs in Texas through a fuel factor that is approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. At the time the current factor was developed, fuel and purchased power expenses were projected to be higher than the actual amount spent. The credit will rebate customers for amounts collected under the allowed fuel factors in early 2009 that exceeded actual fuel and purchased-energy costs.

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Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southwest wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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Everything's fine at the Dixie Cafe

Evidently some disgruntled folks were driving around Pampa Friday afternoon with signs in their cars that read something like— "Don't eat at the Dixie Cafe, Yuck."

Dixie Cafe owner Shane Dyer was understandably upset and called to say he had over 20 phone calls about the signs, by about 1:45 p.m.

Shane and his wife, Shelly, said the cars had circled the cafe for a while and then were reported up and down Hobart Street.

Evidently, the same people had been informed earlier in the day by Shelley Dyer they could not have a "flea market" in the parking lot next to the restaurant. Friday morning they had parked there and were beginning to unload their wares, without permission.

Dyer wants his customers to know that everything is fine at the restaurant. — Betsy Phillips

Pilgrim's Pride idles chicken plants in Ala., Ga.

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — Pilgrim's Pride Corp. said Friday it would idle two chicken processing plants that employ almost 1,000 people total in Alabama and Georgia as it cuts cost while trying to emerge from bankruptcy.

The company, based in Pittsburg, Texas, said it will close a plant in Athens, Ala., that employs 640 people within 75 days. At the same time, it also plans to idle one of its two plants in Athens, Ga., that employs about 330 people.

Pilgrim's Pride said it expects to offer jobs to many of the displaced workers at other locations. The plants' production will shift elsewhere, a statement said, and they could be reopened eventually if needed.

Pilgrim's Pride filed for bankruptcy reorganization in December, and CEO Don Jackson said the closings were part of a restructuring meant to get the company on a solid footing.

"We are taking these actions now to protect the jobs of our 41,000 employees and 4,500 growers so that we can emerge from Chapter 11 as a stronger,

more efficient company," he said in the statement.

Pilgrim's Pride said it didn't expect a major reduction in the number of contract growers it uses in either state.

A hatchery in Moulton and a feed mill in Falkville will continue to operate in north Alabama.

Obituaries There are no obituaries today.

HOT OPPORTUNITY



Staff photo by ReDonn Woods

Some enterprising Pampa children realized the 100 plus temperatures last week meant opportunity and set up a lemonade stand on Dogwood Street. Neighbor Jay Gist was one of the thirsty customers who made a purchase from Ky and Karson Parnell and Natalie and Jaycee Winborne.

In Texas, drought means conserving every last drop

DALLAS (AP) — Off-duty police officers are patrolling streets, looking for people illegally watering their lawns and gardens. Residents are encouraged to stealthily rat out water scofflaws on a 24-hour hot line. One Texas lake has dipped so low that stolen cars dumped years ago are peeking up through the waterline.

The nation's most drought-stricken state is deep-frying under relentless 100-degree days and waterways are drying up, especially in the hardest-hit area covering about 350 miles across south-central Texas. That's making folks worried about the water supply — and how long it might last.

"The water table's fallin' and fallin' and fallin," like a whole lot of other people around here," said Wendell McLeod, general manager of Liberty Hill Water Supply Corp. and a 60-year resident of the town northwest of Austin. "This is the worst I can recall seeing it. I tell you, it's just pretty bleak."

There are 230 Texas public water systems under mandatory water restrictions, including those in and near San Antonio, Dallas, Houston and Austin. Another 60 or so have asked for voluntary cutbacks. Water levels are down significantly in lakes, rivers and wells around Texas.

Liberty Hill's Web site urges its 1,400 or so residents in all-red letters to stop using unnecessary water with this plea: "If we follow these strict guidelines, we may have drinking water." The town's shortage eased some with the arrival this week of 35,000 gallons a day from a nearby water system, but

residents are still worried.

According to drought statistics released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 77 of Texas' 254 counties are in extreme or exceptional drought, the most severe categories. No other state in the continental U.S. has even one area in those categories. John Nielsen-Gammon, the Texas state climatologist at Texas A&M University, said he expects harsh drought conditions to last at least another month.

In the bone-dry San Antonio-Austin area, the conditions that started in 2007 are being compared to the devastating drought of the 1950s. There have been 36 days of 100 degrees or more this year in an area where it's usually closer to 12.

Among the most obvious problems are the lack of water in Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan near Austin, two massive reservoirs along the Colorado River that provide drinking water for more than 1 million people and also are popular boating and swimming spots. Streams and tributaries that feed the lakes have "all but dried up," according to the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Lake Travis is more empty than full, down 54 percent. All but one of the 12 boating ramps are closed because they no longer reach the water, and the last may go soon. The receding waters have even revealed old stolen cars shoved into the lake years ago, authorities said.

There's no threat to the area's drinking water supply, Rose said, but there are increased boating hazards from the "sometimes islands" that pop up when the water's low, increased

risk of wildfires, and more interactions between humans and wildlife.

"We're seeing deer and armadillo and other animals in places we don't typically see them," he said. "They're starving for water and food."

At the Oasis, a popular restaurant with a deck overlooking Lake Travis, the islands are even starting to grow heavy vegetation.

"You can see all the white on the rocks where the waterline used to be," said Becca Torbert, a server at the restaurant who says the boat traffic is down, but the water's down even more.

San Antonio, which relies on the Edwards Aquifer for its water, is enduring its driest 23-month period since weather data was recorded starting in 1885, according to the National Weather Service. The aquifer's been hovering just above 640 feet deep, and if it dips

below that the city will issue its harshest watering restrictions yet.

The city's not just sitting around, though. A total of 30 off-duty officers and other employees are working overtime to patrol the city looking for people illegally watering. Since April, about 1,500 people have been cited and ordered to pay fines ranging from \$50 to over \$1,000. Residents also are encouraged to rat out water scofflaws on the 24-hour Water Waste Hot Line.

"We don't go out in a car with sirens blaring or anything like that, but we do take the report and send out a letter saying 'You've been reported for not following water rules,'" said Anne Hayden, spokeswoman for the San Antonio Water System.

There have been smatterings of light rain in the area this week, but not enough to make much difference. But hopefully, the end is in sight.

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Free Web service connects hunters with places to hunt

AUSTIN, Texas — Research surveys show that finding a place to hunt is a barrier for many people in today's Texas, which is why Texas Parks and Wildlife Department created the Hunt Texas Online Connection, a free Web service that allows anyone to view hunting opportunities posted by private landowners across the state.

In early 2008, the department invited landowners to list hunting lease opportunities in Texas for free, including last-minute openings. Currently, hunters can search more than 450 hunting opportunities by lease type, county, game animal, cost per hunter and other parameters. The service is free to both hunters and landowners.

"Anyone looking for a hunting lease in Texas can use this free service to find listings from landowners throughout the state," said Linda Campbell, TPWD program director for private lands and public hunting. "This is one way we're trying to better serve our license-buying public. It's important to keep the Texas hunting tradition strong, since hunting supports wholesome family recreation, pumps more than a billion dollars per year into Texas local economies, and provides an economic incentive for private land stewards to protect wildlife habitat."

To register, landowners can visit the main Hunt Texas Online Connection Web area on the TPWD Web site. Click

"Get Started," select a username and password, log in, and start looking at hunting opportunities. Leases can be seen without registering and logging in, but users must register in order to contact landowners.

After users fill out the online registration form, they'll get an email with a long URL ending in the word "activate" — users must click this link to complete registration. If users don't receive the activation email, it might be because a security system is blocking it. In that case, users could try placing hunt.texas@tpwd.state.tx.us in their address book or allowed e-mail rules.

Hunters and landowners will determine if they are the right fit for each other, and all transactions will be between landowners and hunters. The new service also provides links to privately operated hunting lease Web sites as a convenience for the public. TPWD does not independently verify, endorse or warrant any of the information posted on Hunt Texas Online Connection, or any information contained on the privately operated hunting lease Web sites that are linked from the service.

Anyone can e-mail questions, comments and suggestions about Hunt Texas Online Connection to hunt.texas@tpwd.state.tx.us. The TPWD Wildlife Information staff at (512) 389-4505 can also provide basic assistance with the service.

Schlumberger 2Q tumbles 57 percent as drilling slows

HOUSTON (AP) — Schlumberger Ltd. said Friday its second-quarter earnings tumbled 57 percent as oil and natural gas companies cut back on exploration and drilling, particularly in North America. Still, the results topped Wall Street expectations.

The world's largest oil-field services company said net income for the April-June period fell to \$613 million, or 51 cents per share, from \$1.42 billion, or \$1.16 per share, a year earlier.

One-time items aside, Schlumberger said income from continuing operations amounted to 68 cents a share — 5 cents better than the consensus estimate of Wall Street analysts polled by Thomson Reuters.

Revenue fell 18 percent to \$5.53 billion from \$6.75 billion in the year-ago quarter. But the most-recent result beat the consensus forecast of \$5.46 billion.

Company shares jumped more than 4 percent, or \$2.47, to \$58.41 in premarket trading.

Schlumberger in January said it had slashed 5,000 jobs worldwide and on Friday, the company reported one-time charges of 17 cents a share related to severance payments retirement benefits.

Lower oil and gas prices have prompted energy companies around the world to scale back oilfield activity, which means less work for Schlumberger and smaller rivals like Halliburton Co. Service companies help producers with drilling,

seismic surveys, reservoir management and other oil-field tasks.

Like Halliburton earlier this week, Schlumberger said a significant decline in natural-gas drilling in North America weighed heavily on second-quarter results.

In a statement, Schlumberger chairman and CEO Andrew Gould said the rate of declining revenue slowed in the second quarter from the start of the year as improving business in other parts of the world somewhat offset the drag from North America. Activity in Russia was noticeably improved, Gould said.

One of the biggest obstacles has been natural gas prices, which have tumbled from double-digit levels a year ago to well below \$4 per 1,000 cubic feet of late.

Gould said natural-gas drilling in the U.S. and Canada reached a five-year low in recent months because of weak demand and large inventories. He said he doesn't expect a significant rebound in drilling this year.

The number of rigs at work in the U.S. oil patch is off roughly 55 percent from last summer.

"Our outlook for the remainder of 2009 assumes some stability but

no major increase in the North America natural gas rig count and, as a result, ... pricing will remain depressed," Gould said.

Overseas, Schlumberger said declining activity should be limited as the year progresses but pricing concessions made in the first half of the year will affect second-half revenue.

In addition, "the current volatility in the oil price makes it unlikely that our customers will sanction any major increases in expenditures," Gould said.

After hitting an all-time high near \$150 a barrel a year ago this month, the price of crude tumbled all the way down to below \$33 in January. Schlumberger, whose principal offices are in Houston, Paris and The Hague, said revenue at its oilfield services arm fell 18 percent year over year to \$5 billion, but sales were off 43 percent in North America. The company's seismic arm, WesternGeco, posted second-quarter revenue of \$559 million, down 17 percent from a year ago.

For the first six months of 2009, Schlumberger said its net income was \$1.6 billion, or \$1.28 a share, down from \$2.8 billion, or \$2.25 a share, for the same period a year ago.

Duncan approves Texas request for stimulus money

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has approved almost \$2 billion in federal stimulus money that Texas requested for its public schools.

The money approved Friday will go to school districts for used, at least in part, in a state-mandated \$800 bonus for teachers and other professional employees.

Gov. Rick Perry applied for the money last month, and Texas lawmakers wrote a state budget allocating most of it to school districts with the proviso that it go to a teacher pay raise. Some school districts had been reluctant to budget the money amid questions over whether the allocation would be approved.

A spokesman for U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards said the

state will have to reapply for a second part of the request — about \$1.4 billion. That was slated to help replenish the Permanent School Fund, which has taken a hit since the recession started.

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"We're doing terrazzo patches," he said. The kitchen should be ready by Aug. 5 or 6.

"On the second floor and third floor," Benton said, "we're finishing up rooms right now."

He said they expect to be waxing floors in the second floor classrooms by the second week of August.

"When we're waxing the floors," he said, "we're done with that room."

The roofers are done now on the third floor, Benton said.

He said they went over several things this past week with the fire marshal.

"When the fire system gets finished," Benton said, "we'll have the fire marshal and the fire chief walk through. The school's never had a fire sprinkler before."

Rick Fleming with Western Builders told the board that they've got con-

crete and steel going up.

"They're looking at the first of October having all the structural steel up," said Jeff Reed with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper architects and engineers.

Derrell DeLoach, school board president, said he would like for the board to tour the new junior high during their September meeting.

"They've got one of the gyms completely roofed," Reed said. "I believe they're starting on the other one."

He said that the goal is to have it completely enclosed before inclement weather hits.

Fleming said that they should have permanent power next week. Atmos has run gas to the property line, and Western Builders is running the lines to the building.

He said they are ahead of schedule and under budget.

Teen

with it," Lopez said of his mother, "but she finally gave up."

Lopez said he intends to stay in Pampa and finish high school.

"I've been moving all my life," Lopez said. "I wanted some stability in my life and finish school here."

On his own at a time when most teenagers are still in the secure cradle of their homes, Lopez took on three jobs to pay his way.

He gets up every morning to be at Easley Animal Hospital by 5 a.m. Later in the day, he reports to work at the radio station, and he works in the evenings at Wachovia Securities.

As school begins, Lopez will go to the animal hospital every morning, then he works every afternoon, seven days a week, at the radio station. On Wednesday evenings, he works at Wachovia after he gets out of the station.

During the school year, that means going to work before and after school.

"The toughest thing is waking up that early," he said, taking an uncharacteristic break at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler, across the street from Wachovia.

With such a schedule, he admitted, there is little time for extra-curricula activities.

He does, however, take off a couple of Sundays a month to play on a paintball team in Amarillo.

"That's about the only time I have to play," Lopez said.

He plays at the tournament level.

"It's big in Europe,"

Lopez said.

With the school years about to start, his schedule is about to get a whole lot busier, but next week he plans on taking off to fly to Atlanta to see his mother and younger brother and little sister.

About two months ago, his mother moved to back to Atlanta from Mexico City, and Lopez hasn't seen them since Christmas.

"It's been seven months," he admitted. "It's hard. It's expensive."

When school ends next spring, Lopez plans to follow the outward migration of Pampa youth.

"I'm planning on going to school in Boston," Lopez said. "I'm planning on moving to Boston as soon as I get out."

He will travel to Boston where he hopes to be able to get into Harvard or Boston University. There he plans on earning a degree in International Business.

His mother is a chemical engineer with an MBA in International Business, and Lopez said he loves international business.

"I think that's what I want to do," he said.

After college, Lopez shrugs.

Europe, maybe France, he said.

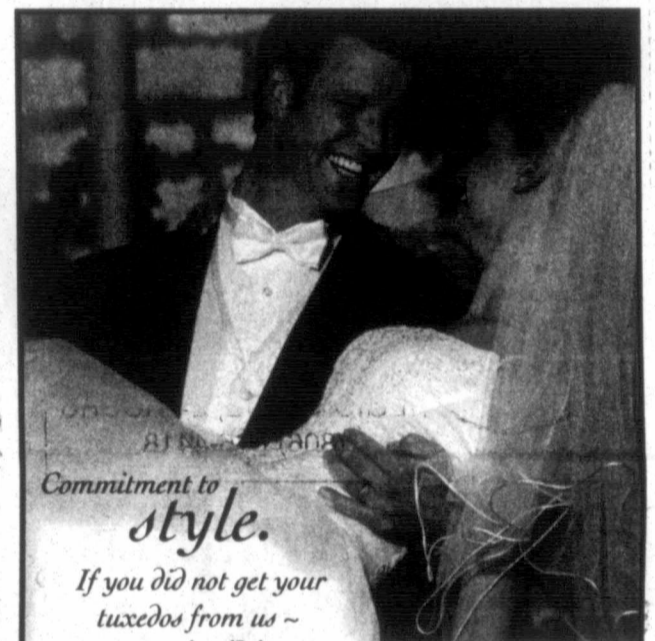
Lopez isn't sure of a field yet. He said he thinks maybe the import-export business, maybe sales.

"That's pretty much what I want to do," Lopez said.

One thing is for sure, he's not afraid of work, and he's not afraid of being on his own.

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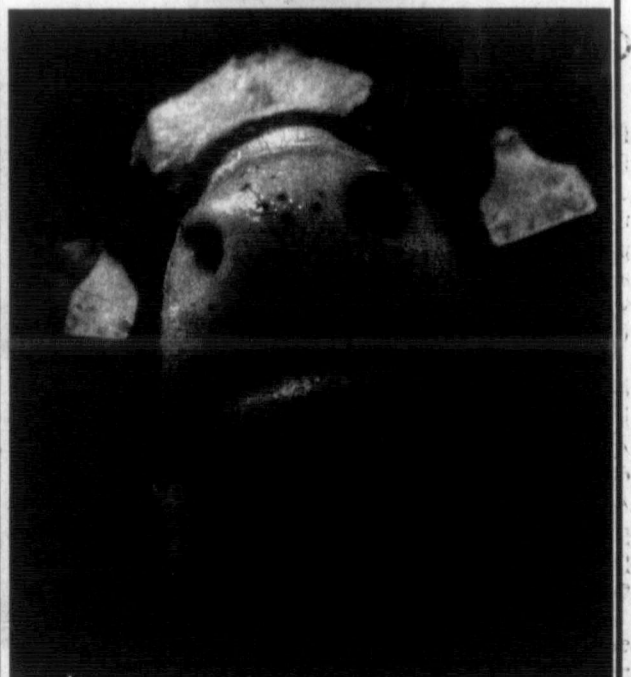
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Genealogical Society visits Saints Roost

The Gray County Genealogical Society visited, "The Saints Roost Museum" in Clarendon, Texas. Eleven members met at the Lovett Memorial Library on May 21, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. They traveled as a group to Clarendon. "The Saints Roost Museum," is the restoration of the former "Adair Hospital" founded by Cornelia Adair. Freddie Morman greeted the group and answered the questions they had about the many items in

the museum. The museum has heirlooms from the Texas Panhandle ranches, farms, hospital and businesses and the renovated railroad station. After the museum the group traveled to, "The Donley County Courthouse." The courthouse was built in 1890 for 28,500.00. The courthouse was restored to its original wood and furnishings from a grant of 2.9 million dollars from, "The Texas Historic Commission", in 1999. County Judge Jack

Hall spoke about the old pictures of the courthouse and answered all questions. The courthouse has been dubbed, "The Jewel of the Plains." The group had a late lunch at, "The Nuttin Fancy Cafe." They arrived back in Pampa at 6:00 p.m. The Gray County Genealogical Society meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m at the Lovett Memorial Library. The public is welcome.



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GIRLS OF THE YEAR



Beta Sigma Phi Girls of the Year-Norene Greer, Preceptor Chi and Betty Schaffer, Preceptor Theta Iota. The two were honored at the Founder's Day Banquet.

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Wednesday-Roast Beef Brisket/Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice
mashed potatoes
peas
carrots
butter beans
slaw-tossed-jello salad
butter pecan cake or cherry crème pie-hot rolls or cornbread

Thursday-Chicken Strips or Taco Salad

curly fries
cheese hominey
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beans
slaw-tossed-jello salad
black forest cake or butterscotch pie
hot rolls or cornbread

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Whatever berry you got, here's how to make a pie

ALISON LADMAN, For The Associated Press

Summer brings an abundance of berries that scream out to be turned into pie. But unless you're looking to quash your lazy days mojo, you need a pie recipe that gets you out of the kitchen. Fast.

Hence this all-purpose berry pie that comes together in about 10 minutes. Then it can bake and cool while you chill by the pool.

This recipe (which calls for a refrigerated or frozen crust) works with any berry variety, including blends. Also try adding chopped apples, pears, apricots and peaches.

The crumb topping is so much easier (and tastier) than a traditional crust topping. It bakes up slightly crunchy and sweet, the perfect contrast to soft, tart berries.

ANYBERRY SUMMER PIE
Start to finish: 55 minutes (10 minutes active)

Servings: 8
For the filling:
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
Pinch of salt
5 cups berries, fresh or frozen
1 prepared pie shell (thawed slightly if frozen)

For the crumb topping:
1/2 cup rolled oats
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut into small pieces
Heat the oven to 375 F.

To make the filling, in a large bowl mix the sugar, cornstarch and salt. Add the berries and toss gently until well mixed. Pile the filling into the prepared crust. Set aside.

To make the crumb topping, in a medium bowl combine the oats, flour, sugar, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and butter. Using your fingers, a pastry blender or a fork, mash and rub the butter into the dry ingredients until it resembles coarse crumbs.

Top the berries with the crumb mixture, patting it on, as necessary, to make it stay put. Place the pie on a rimmed baking sheet (to catch drips) and bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until the crumb topping is golden brown and the berries are bubbling.

For clean slices, let the pie cool before slicing. Or serve warm with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We invited our 5-year-old son's entire class to his birthday party. Unbeknownst to us, another child had one scheduled the same day. Because my son was new to the school and hadn't made friends yet, he wasn't invited. Imagine how he felt when only one child showed up. Had even one parent RSVP'd and said there was another party that day, we would have rescheduled. Because good manners were disregarded, our child was hurt.

I mentioned it to my parents, and to cheer our son up we decided to take him to the beach. When we returned and opened our front door, we found assorted wrapped presents with cards attached wishing our son a happy birthday and saying, "We're sorry we couldn't come to your party."

My folks did not tell us they were going to do it. They said they had "found" the presents on the porch and brought them inside while they were house-sitting. Their thoughtfulness and caring -- not to mention their creativity -- took away much of the hurt. I get tears in my eyes thinking about it. Our son is now in his early teens and has never been told the story.

I would like to thank my parents again and tell them how much their gesture meant. Also, please advise parents that when they receive an invitation to a child's party -- or any party, for that matter -- to RSVP! No child should have to feel that kind of hurt. -- STILL GRATEFUL IN ROCK HILL, S.C.

DEAR STILL GRATEFUL: Your parents are loving, generous and resourceful. Your letter raises two important issues. Because your boy was new to the school was no reason for him to have been excluded. Many schools

require that when the entire class is invited to a party, if the party invitations are issued at school, that all students be included.

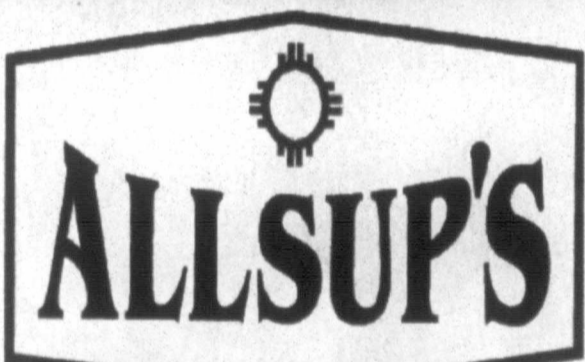
Also, there seems to be confusion about what "RSVP" means. Some people think it means they should respond only if they plan to attend the gathering. Not so! The rules of etiquette dictate that if a prospective guest cannot attend, that he or she contact the issuer of the invitation and offer regrets.

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice. I have always valued my appearance and choose to dress nicely. I buy name-brand, high-quality clothing. I don't mind paying for the name and quality.

Over the last year I have lost more than 100 pounds. I have to buy new clothes monthly as my weight continues to drop. I am still buying name-brand garments.

Three or four ladies in my office could easily wear my things and have asked if I'll give my clothes to them. Abby, I spent thousands of dollars on my wardrobe. I had intended to sell the items at a garage sale to help finance my new one. How should I respond to those women? -- GROWING THINNER IN KANSAS

DEAR GROWING THINNER: Congratulations on your weight-loss success. First, please do not sell your expensive items at a garage sale. You will get a better price if you place them at a consignment store. Second, when your co-workers ask for the items, tell them that you can't give them the clothes that no longer fit because you are selling them to cover the cost of things you need to replace. Then offer them the address of the consignment shop.



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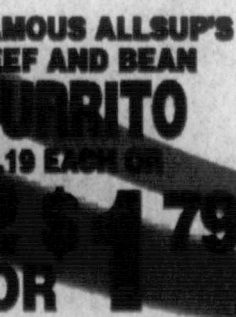


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Sports

Pampa CC hosts Tri-State Senior golf tourney

Pampa Country Club hosted the 75th annual Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament 2009 from July 20-23. The tournament this year brought 87 golfers to Pampa, double last year's number. Janet Stone, manager of the country club said the tourney has always been big, this year they had 124 people for the banquet. "these are really great people," Stone said, "We hope in continues to grow." The tournament winner was Tom Doughtie of

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First Place — 115
Bob Miller
Sam Bass
Bill Rife
J.C. Beyer

Second Place— 120

Dwayne Kuntz
Ray Morgan
Dick Hearne
Whitey White

Ages 50-63 Gross

1. Tom Doughty 139
2. Ron Harding 156
3. Tommy Tomlingson 157

1. Ed Whinery 151
2. Ray Morgan 159
3. Whitey White 164
4. Charlie Swearingen 172

Ages 50-63 Net

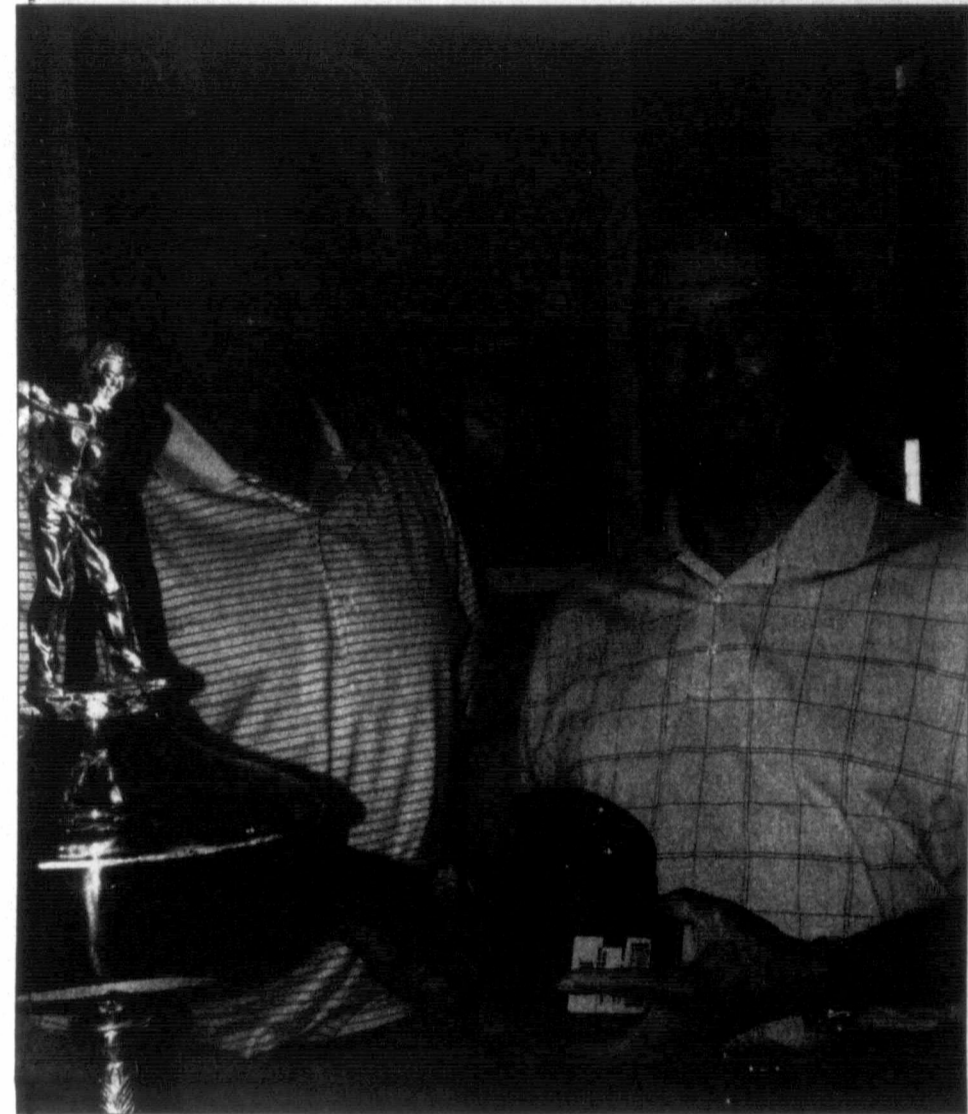
1. Kelly Everson 138
2. Sid Melban 140
3. Ken Wight 142
4. Alan Leach 147

Ages 64-67 Net

1. Pat Montoya 138
2. J.C Staples 147
3. Ronnie Wood 147
4. Richard Peet 148
4. Randall Cross 148



Sheri Haynes of McLean was the winner in the ladies' division.



Tournament winner Tom Doughtie of Amarillo receives a watch from Pampa jeweler Ken Rheams, who donated the engraved watches as prizes.

Amarillo. The ladies winner was Sheri Haynes of McLean.

Tournament results are:

Scramble

First Place— 57
Gene Hall
Dr. William Auvershine
Bob Hulsey
Tom Murphy III
Second Place— 60
Gene James
John Haynes
Dee Phillips
Jim Osborne

4. Lynn Hancock 158

Ages 64-67 Gross

1. R.D Stephens 151
2. Tom Murphy III 161
3. Bert Adams 172
4. Howard Reed 178

Ages 68-72 Gross

1. Scott Mack 152
2. Ted Jett 163
3. Gene James 170
4. Bill Allison 174

Ages 73-79 Gross

Ages 68-72 Net

1. Don Adams 139
2. Tobe Collins 142
2. Glynn Lusk 142
4. Merle Terrell 146
4. Jim Osborne 146

Ages 73-79 Net

1. Sam Bass 135
2. Dick Hearne 138
3. Bob Miller 139
4. J.C Beyer 141

Ages 80-89 Gross

1. Gene Hall 141
2. Bill Scholz 143
3. James Cunningham 154

1. Bob Curry 96

Ages 80-89 Net

1. Delmer Jones 130
2. Dick Stowers 151
3. Deck Woldt 166

Men's 9 Hole Division Net

1. Dr. Joe Donaldson 69

1. Sheri Haynes 186

2. Gail Melban 195

Ladies Division Net

1. Suzanne Gillispie 158
1. Debbie Morgan 158

Men's Hole Division Gross

Ladies Division Gross

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble results for Wednesday, July 22.

First place—61
B King, D Lofton, J Lee, O Sargeant
Second place, 61—
H Wells, L Neighbors, L Heard, JL Furgason, D Hinckle
Third place, 61—
A Bolton, J. South, G Winegeart, B Mac Millan

Fourth place, 63—

B Hammer, J Bridges, JL Davis, B Lyle

Fifth place, 64—

J Cantrell, R POrter, T Cox, C Lacy

Sixth place, 64—

OK Lee, D Dunham, L Morris, D Reeves

Closest to pin, #6— JL Bridges,

#15— L Heard

George W. Bush library land dispute settled

DALLAS (AP) — The four-year dispute between Southern Methodist University and condominium owners over land for the George W. Bush presidential library is over.

SMU reached agreement Friday with Gary Vodicka on the last unresolved claim. Vodicka's an attorney who had alleged that SMU forced him out of his home to make way for the library project after lying

about its intentions.

The terms of the settlement agreements are confidential, but Vodicka says it was a fair. He says everything he has said in the past about the dispute was proven true.

The agreement also includes a settlement with Vodicka's friend and fellow condo owner, Dr. Robert Tafel.

SMU says the agreements didn't assign liability.

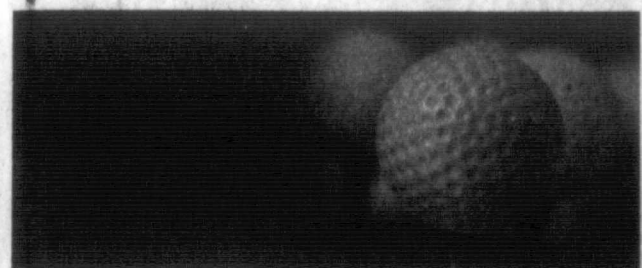
it. It continues to maintain that it followed proper procedures in acquiring title to University Gardens condominiums.

Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Scramble

Ladies Golf Scramble Mixed 7-13-2009 at Hidden Hills
First Place 29
B. Hammer
Stevens
R.Valingo
S.Cook

Second Place 31

S. Fields
T. Grantham
M. Allison
C. Allison





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Sports

Pampa All-stars fall to North Randall

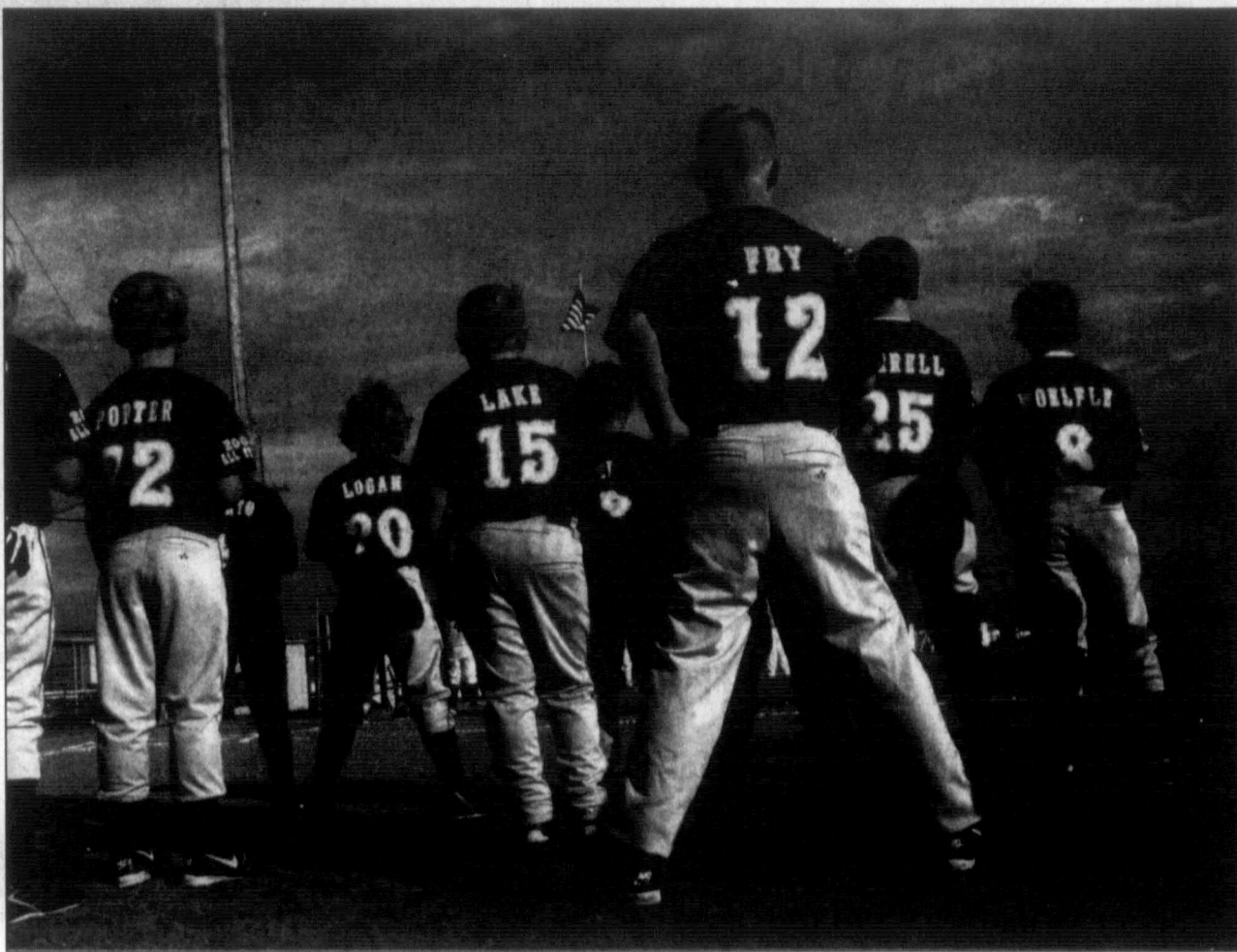
The North Randal All-star team has been a hurdle for the 9-10 Pampa All-stars.

After coming off a tremendous win against Lamesa Wednesday, Pampa found themselves in the Cal-Ripken State Championship Game only to face an unbeaten North Randall club.

The Wednesday game had the excitement comparable to any major league game. With Pampa jumping out to a 7-0 lead during their first at bat, Pampas's pitcher Kyndan Lott who had been virtuously flawless in the tournament would find himself struggling to find an elusive strike zone. Lamesa jumped right back answering with 9 runs. Pampa would also answer right back scoring 2 runs off of clutch hits from Bryson Burrell, Carson Eubank, and Brandon Sieck. Zach Wilson would enter as Pampas's pitcher and the defense stepped up behind him holding off Lamesa bats. Pampa would score one more in the 5th making it 12-9 in their favor but Lamesa was home team with last at bat. First batter popped up to catcher Adam Zuniga creating the first out. Number two batter hits a deep shot resulting in a triple. Wilson would then walk the next batter with the tying run at the plate. The Lamesa batter also hit

another deep ball to left making his way to third. This would set up the go ahead run at the plate who would take the next pitch back up the middle only to see Pampas shortstop, Lott, dive to the ball and come up throwing the runner out going home and Zuniga firing right back to second where the runner was trying to advance creating a 6-2-4 double play ending Lamesas rally and hopes of advancing. Pampa wins 12-11 and move on to play NRC Thursday night in the State Championship.

With the intensity still in the air from Wednesdays win and the North Randall crowd on edge, Pampa came to play once again. Wilson leads off for Pampa hitting a deep ball to center resulting in a double. Wilson would score on stolen bases but NRC would shut down a strong start by Pampa. Lott would come to the mound only to see NRC score one run and Pampas's defense would hold off a good hitting team. Pampa then would see Bradey Porter and Sieck walk in the second but could not score. With Lott back on the mound NRC would bunt two runs in but not before Pampas Jared Lake would grab a short bunt to third base side and pick off the runner on third, Pampa would survive the inning with the score 3-1, NRC. Next



Pampa Optimist 9-10 All-star team salutes the flag before the opening of Wednesday's game. (submitted photo)

at bat would see singles from Lott, Zuniga, and Burrell and Pampa would score another run making the score 3-2. NRC would come out strong in the 3rd loading the bases but Brendon Woelfle would make two spectacular catches at second and help hold NRC scoreless.

Pampas Sieck would walk and steal his way home tying the score 3 all in the 4th. Burrell would come to the mound in the fourth but only to see NRC score 2 runs off of a well hit ball down third base line. Burrell would strike out the number 5 batter to end the inning. Pampa produced

one run in the 5th inning from a walk by Brant Logan and then being hit in off of a single by Sieck. NRC would come to the plate in the 5th leading 5-4 only to deliver the knock-out punch scoring 3 runs on Pampa mistakes and well hit balls. Pampa would have one more at bat

with Woelfle being struck out and two nice defensive plays on Wilson and Lott to end the game.

Pampa 9-10 All-stars end their season being crowned The Texas Cal-Ripken State Runners-Up. A feat well deserving for a group of fine young men.

Pampa Optimist 12 All-stars head to regionals

The West Texas State Champion Pampa 12 year old all-stars are getting ready to head to Springdale, Arkansas for the Cal Ripken Southwest Regional Tournament that starts July 31.

The winner of that tournament advances to the Cal Ripken World Series in Aberdeen, MD beginning on August 15th. There will be teams from Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, East Texas, South Texas and Arkansas competing for the championship.

Pampa went 2 and 2 in the district tournament, losing to the North Randall County 12 year olds 10-9 and losing to Seminole

8-3. Pampa defeated High Plains 10-3 and the North Randall County 11 year olds, 14-4. "We had two bad innings at the district tournament and unfortunately those two innings cost us 2 games", said Kevin Hunt, one of the coaches. "After that tournament, these young men worked hard at correcting their mistakes and they have played great ever since."

In Seminole, Pampa beat the North Randall County 12 year old team by a score of 2-0. "The game against NRC, really set the tone for the whole tournament. We had solid pitching and solid defense"

according to Hunt. The next game was against Seminole. Pampa won that game 11-1 in five innings. "Against Seminole, we came out strong by scoring 5 runs in the bottom of the first. Ryan Powell pitched a great game, and our defense was phenomenal".

That win put Pampa in the Championship game against Seminole, who battled back through the losers bracket. Pampa would once again explode for 3 runs in the first inning and then add two more in the 4th inning. "Well it was kind of the same story for us in the championship game. Ethan pitched well, not giving up any hits and

only walking one, but our defense made some great plays. We didn't hit the ball as well as I know we can, so if we can get our bats to come alive, and if our pitching and defense stay strong, we will be able to compete with any team at any level.

"These young men just need to believe in themselves. They have as much talent as any team I have ever been part of" said Hunt.

Pampa will travel to Springdale Thursday and play the first game of the tournament on Friday at noon against Washington County, AR.

The tournament is double

elimination.

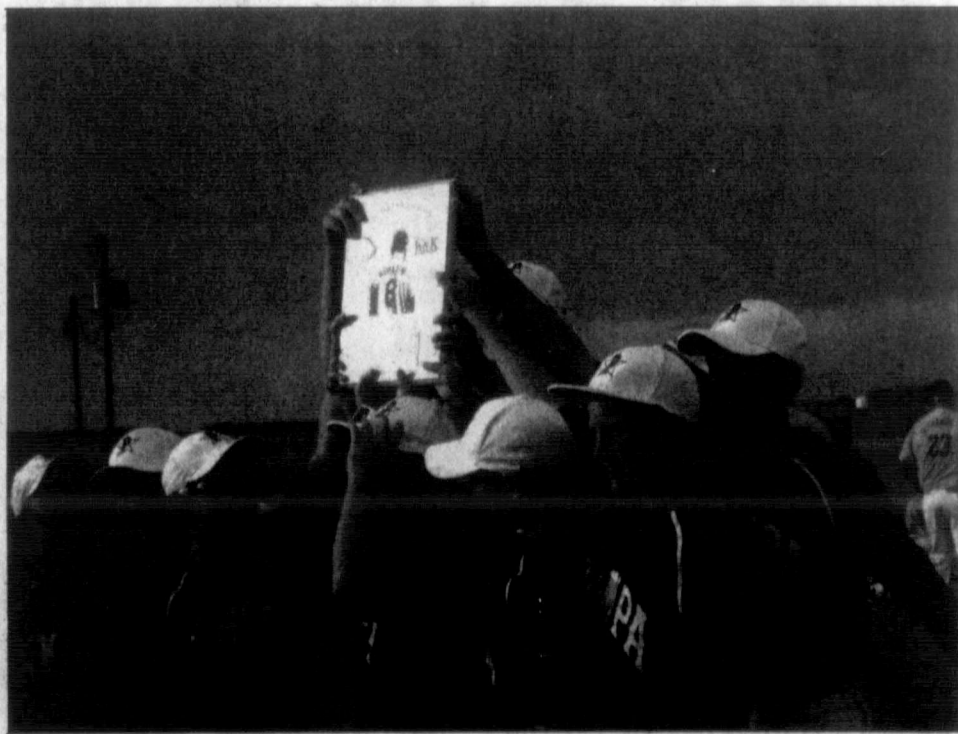
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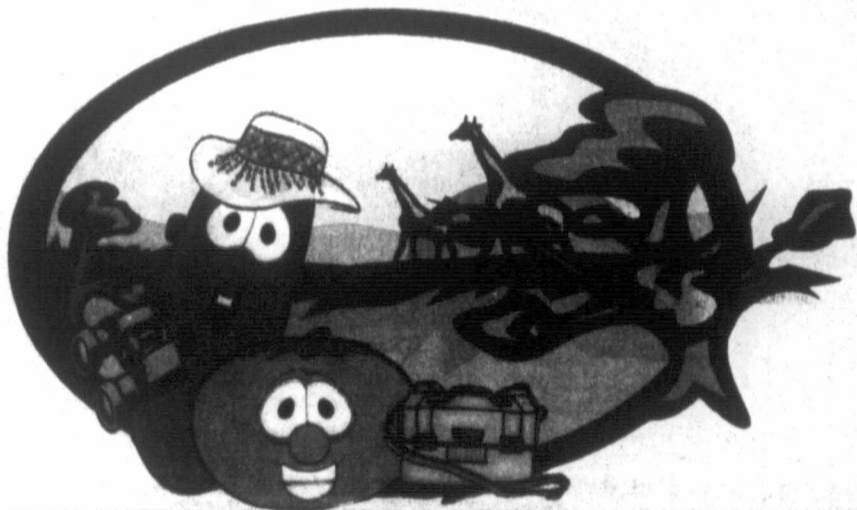
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Thriving rodeos seem to have recession roped, tied

MESQUITE, Texas (AP)— A few steps into the air-conditioned Mesquite Rodeo is all it takes to feel the relief.

Cool air. Cheap prices. And the stars of the show sitting nearby, ready with a smile and a pen so they can autograph the program given away at the door.

No wonder the vast majority of rodeos are thriving. Even though some sponsors have pulled out and a handful of rodeos have been shuttered this summer, attendance is up about 12 percent for each of the two major circuits, the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Professional Bull Riders (PBR).

Rodeos historically have been up when the economy is down, according to PRCA commissioner Karl Stressman, but this surge is still a pleasant surprise with the recession well into its second year.

"We've had a continued growth pattern for the last 20 years, but this year it's phenomenal growth," Stressman said. Added Randy Bernard, CEO of the bull riders' group: "I'm tickled to death with what I'm seeing."

Both men credit several factors, though they agree it begins with vacationers staying closer to home. Those people still need to be entertained and more of them are discovering, or rediscovering, "the greatest show on dirt."

The lure begins with affordable tickets, around \$10 at most rodeos, even those with concerts as the nightcap.

Shows are a little more than two hours of fast-paced action, man (and woman) vs. beast. The rules are easy to figure out and even the most restless kid can stay focused for an



In this photo taken on Saturday, July 11, 2009, Katelynn Nichols from left front, Kaylee Rasbury, Janey Buford, Kortney Nichols, and Austin Baty, right rear, look on as rodeo clown Lecile Harris, listens to cheers from fans as they applaud for their favorite dance couple following a dance contest at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo in Mesquite, Texas. Rodeos historically have been up when the economy is down, according to Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association commissioner Karl Stressman, but this surge is still a pleasant surprise with the recession well into its second year. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

8-second ride or watch the clowns.

Plus, it's a chance to see real, live cowboys, guys with names like Cody and Bo, from places like Crooked Creek and Mingus, show just how tough they really are, then brush off the dirt and pose for pictures for anyone who asks.

Rodeo folks also brag about their sport offering a wholesome atmosphere, though animal-rights activists disagree.

"People who live in rural areas naturally come to rodeo because it's their sport of choice. To people in urban areas, it's a chance to see a living piece of

American history that goes back to the working-ranch days," said Andy Stewart, who spends more than 10 months a year traveling the country as an announcer for Smith Pro Rodeos.

"Rodeos have evolved, but it's still about cowboys getting on animals or taming animals. It's dangerous. It's exciting. There's victory and there's defeat. Blood. It's unpredictable. There's a different twist around every corner. It's everything you want in entertainment. And, most of the time, when the crowd is really into it, there always seems to be a little magic inside a rodeo arena that people always remember.

Rodeos are held in big arenas and small ones, indoors and out. Some last a few days in a row, others run for weeks or even months.

Nearly all are thriving, too. Consider:

— This time last year, the PBR was trying to make the best out of stops in Tulsa, Okla., San Antonio and Nashville, Tenn. This year, Bernard is predicting a 150 percent jump in Tulsa and big successes at the other two stops.

— The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo sold out 14 of its 19 shows and was up 5 percent to 1.3 million attendees. Research showed that nearly 85 percent of the crowd came

from within 50 miles, many lured by a new ad strategy that featured lines like, "Want the most fun for the fewest bucks?"

— In Arizona, the Tucson Rodeo was up 16 percent from last year, selling an extra 9,000 tickets despite going against three Major League Baseball

spring training sites and a PGA Tour event that featured Tiger Woods. A four-day weekend, often used by locals to go elsewhere, wasn't much competition either. "Because of the economy a lot of those people stayed home this year," said Gary Williams, the rodeo's GM.

— In the Dallas area, eight businessmen were gung-ho about buying the Mesquite Rodeo late last year, but had to endure 10 frustrating months to get their financing settled.

Once the deal was done, they pumped several million dollars into the product, improving the performances and gussying up the arena with video boards on both ends and remodeling luxury suites. They also cut prices for tickets, parking and concessions, made the programs free and got the cowboys to serve as greeters.

Voila. Attendance jumped an average of 300 tickets per night over each of the first 10 dates.

"It's word of mouth," RODEO cont. on page 5B

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COMPETITIVE COMPARISON	2010 CHEVY EQUINOX	2009 HONDA CR-V	2009 TOYOTA RAV4	2009 FORD ESCAPE HYBRID
HIGHWAY FUEL ECONOMY ²	32 MPG	27 MPG	28 MPG	31 MPG
MAXIMUM HWY DRIVING RANGE	600 MILES	413 MILES	445 MILES	468 MILES
ONSTAR ³ WITH AUTOMATIC CRASH RESPONSE ⁴ (1 YR)	YES	NO	NO	NO
5 AIR BAGS STANDARD ⁵	YES	YES	YES	YES
LIMITED POWERTRAIN WARRANTY ⁶	100,000 MILE/5-YEAR	60,000 MILE/5-YEAR	60,000 MILE/5-YEAR	60,000 MILE/5-YEAR
REAR SEAT LEGROOM	39.9"	38.5"	38.3"	35.6"
AVAILABLE POWER LIFTGATE	YES	NO	NO	NO
AVAILABLE REAR SEAT DUAL DVD SCREENS	YES	NO	NO	YES

1. Based on 2010 Equinox. Excludes 2009 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid. 2. EPA est. 28 city/32 hwy. 3. 2-year, 25K-mile warranty. 4. OnStar is a registered trademark of AT&T Knowledge Ventures. 5. Side-impact protection system (SIPS) is a standard feature on the 2010 Equinox. 6. Powertrain limited warranty. 7. 100,000-mile/5-year warranty. 8. Includes rear window blind spot monitoring. 9. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 10. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 11. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 12. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 13. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 14. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 15. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 16. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 17. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 18. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 19. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 20. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 21. Includes rear window cross-traffic alert. 22. 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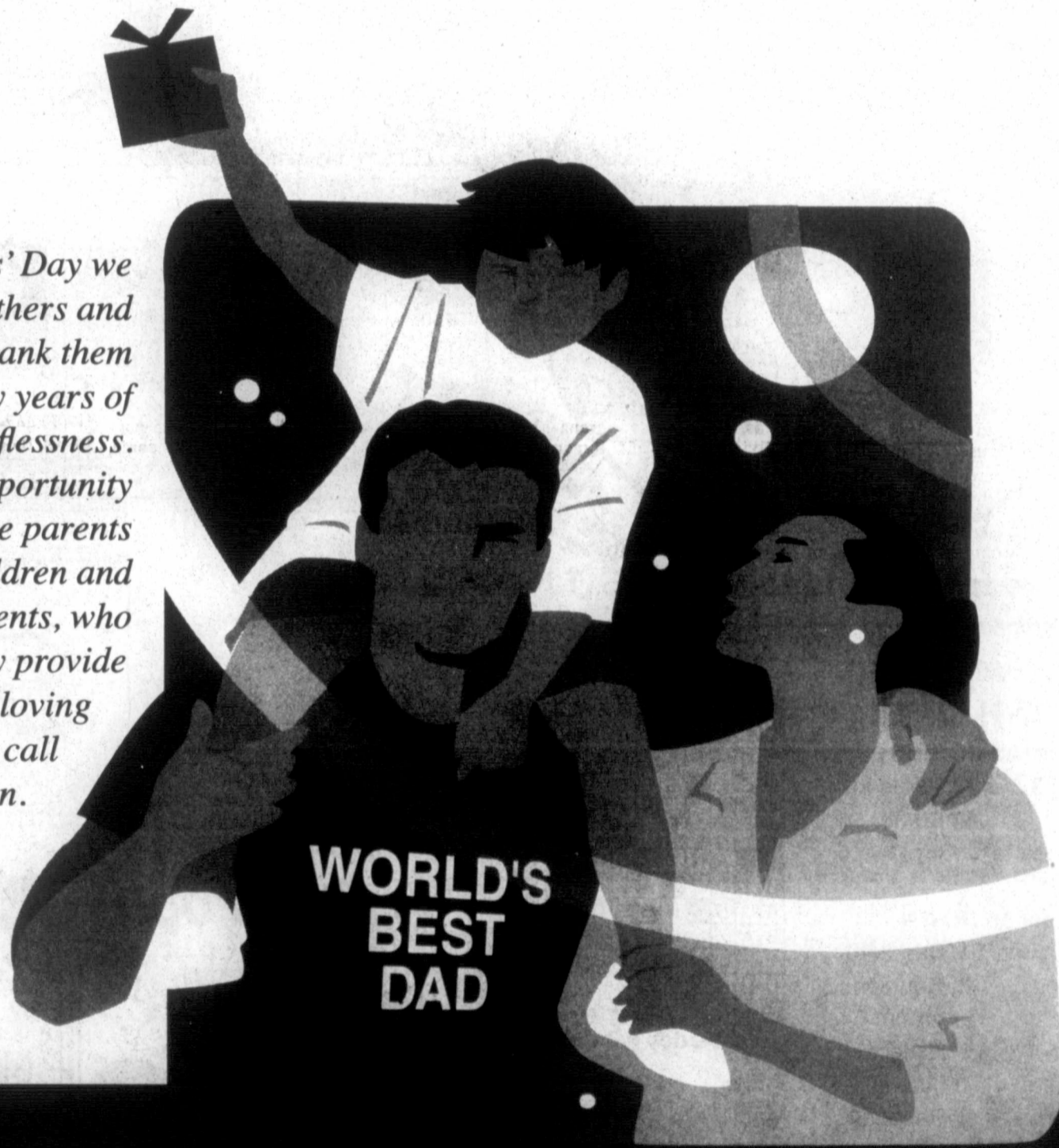


parents day

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Parents teach their children timeless values to help them make the most of life's opportunities and overcome its challenges. On Parents' Day, we pay tribute to the parents who provide their children with guidance, support, and unconditional love and who help make our country a better place. Mothers and fathers are a source of stability and great comfort in society, and they have a vital obligation to love and care for their children. Through patient instruction and a loving example, they instill in children the principals that make our Nation strong and ensure that children have the skills to lead lives of character and integrity. As a child's primary teachers, parents are responsible for their child's education, and their efforts will contribute to a more hopeful future for our country. Parents can help shape our Nation by encouraging young people to make the right choices, become responsible citizens, and achieve their dreams.

On Parents' Day we honor mothers and fathers and thank them for their many years of patience and selflessness. We take this opportunity also to recognize parents of adopted children and foster parents, who generously provide children with a loving family to call their own.



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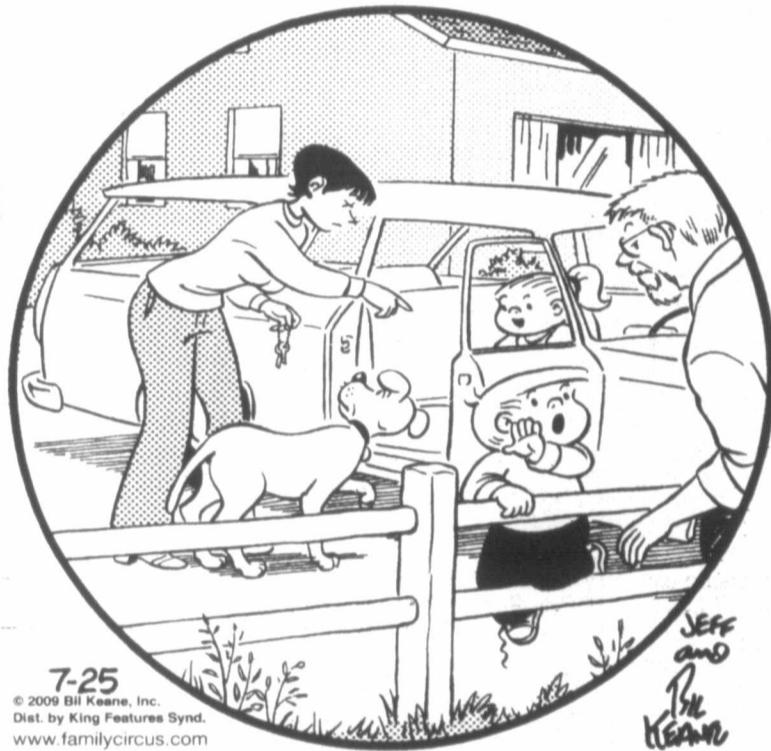
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1 Knee 44 Some protectors wines

5 Great serves

9 TV tryout

10 Cloth units

12 Skirt

13 Mindful

14 Some nuts

16 Signing need

17 Friend of Harry and Hermione

18 Surmised

20 Steals

22 Favorites

23 Extreme

25 Rigging support

28 Comic-strip makeup

32 Skunk

34 Dyeing need

35 Maximum amount

36 Busy

38 Punches

40 Titanic, for one

41 Deserve

42 Each

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1 Bed item

2 Reunion group

3 Extinct

11 Posts

4 Baseball's Casey

5 Humble

6 Farm grazer

7 Go by

8 Block

9 Still life

19 Bridge

21 Undiluted

24 Side-winder

25 Tic

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9 Still life favorites

27 Charm

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Schools add cell phones to curriculum — slowly

NEW YORK (AP) — Smart phones now have hundreds of applications meant to educate kids — from graphic calculators to animation programs that teach spelling and phonics.

And while most public schools don't allow the devices because they're considered distractions — and sometimes portable cheating tools — some school districts have started to put the technology to use.

The key, educators say, is controlling the environment in which they are used.

In St. Mary's, Ohio, a school district of 2,300 students is continuing a pilot program where third-, fourth- and fifth-graders are assigned PDAs for use as a learning tool in the classroom, and at home. They use applications created by a company called Go Know! to draw pictures and create sketches, journal and write essays, said Kyle Menchhofer, the district's technology coordinator. Other applications create flash cards for spelling and math.

Students took the phones on a museum field trip where they took photos, uploaded them to a server where the teacher could view the assignment and wrote blurbs about what they saw.

In addition to the applications that students use, having the PDA teaches them responsibility, he said.

"Cell phones aren't going away. Mobile technology isn't going away," he said. "Right now, what we're telling kids is 'You go home and use whatever technology you want, but when you get to school, we're going to ask you to step back in time.' It doesn't make any sense," he said.

The district started the program last school year with \$40,000 and 60 Palm personal data devices that were handed out to students. Menchhofer said teachers who used to wait weeks to use computer labs were now able to use technology right in their classrooms — and students love it.

But there are many questions districts face before opening the door to allow cell phones: If children had their own, fancier phones, would they be allowed those instead of school-issued devices? How would they fund PDAs in larger districts?

And do kids really need technology always at their fingertips?

Orlando, Fla., dad Ken Schneider says he doesn't want his two daughters, ages 12 and 19, to be distracted in class by buzzing phones or text messages. Still,

he says a limited, school-sponsored version is a good idea.

"A very controlled form of communication would be great," he said. "To the extent you can build computer literacy at the youngest age, it's great. That's where the world is moving."

In St. Mary's, parents and district officials decided to expand the program for the upcoming school year. Text and cell phone applications are shut off, so the data plan will cost about \$17 a month per phone. The phones are free because of government pricing, but students will have to foot the bill if they're lost or broken.

It's worth it, Menchhofer argues. "We need to teach them to be responsible users of cell phones," he said. "There's a right time and a wrong time to use them."

Elliot Soloway, the creator of Go Know!, which developed the software, said trying to sell it was a slog for years because of the cell phone ban in most schools. But he said he thinks it's about to change because he's been getting increasing requests.

"Kids want to use the same tools inside school they use when they walk out the door," he said. "Kids don't worry about small screen sizes or typing trouble. Kids today are the mobile generation and it's time we embraced this as a way to better educate our students."

But the purported educational value of the cell phones doesn't seem to sway most school districts, including New York, the largest in the country with a million students. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is in charge of the schools, emphasized his opposition in a recent speech to National Urban League executives, who exploded into applause.

"You come to school to learn, he declared, "not to play games or send text messages."

Parents are eager for their kids to have every educational tool available but have mixed feelings about whether cell phones are useful in the classroom.

But parent John Leaf in Milwaukee wondered about the disadvantages for kids whose parents can't afford cell phones for them outside of school.

"If my kids have good cell phones and it helps them perform academically, that's great. But what about the kids who don't have cell phones or the latest applications?"

Rodeo

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said Mike McCall, head of the investors' group. "People are talking about how much more fun the rodeo is than it used to be."

— In Spanish Fork, Utah, longtime Fiesta Days Rodeo chairman Steven Money greased sales by offering a free child's seat on opening night. It worked a little too well.

"The ticket office had to hire extra help," Money said, laughing. "I tried to talk to the manager, but he couldn't talk for very long because they were just being bombarded."

Still, there is bad news, too.

Cheyenne Frontier Days was lining up sponsors even as the rodeo began in Wyoming's capital last week. And at least four of the roughly 600 PRCA-sanctioned rodeos canceled their 2009 events for economic reasons.

After a 51-year run, the Red River Rodeo in Wichita Falls, Texas, took the summer off because organizers feared they couldn't make up for a \$20,000 dip in sponsorship. Even the good news in Tucson was tempered by the loss of an airline sponsor after 17 years. Organizers patched together several smaller sponsors to make up for it.

Gimmicks like the free kids' ticket in Utah, the cheaper prices in Mesquite and the roughly 1,000 tickets for \$10 each added at every PBR stop have helped fill seats.

But do the math and you realize those efforts are more about generating goodwill than revenue. Organizers are hoping the rodeos, the new, snazzier rodeos, become a can't-miss-this option each year. "Right now, people say, 'We've been to the



In this photo taken on Saturday, July 11, 2009, Levi McCray of Athens, Texas rides during the bull riding event at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo at Resistol Arena in Mesquite, Texas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

rodeo," said McCall, the Mesquite investor. "No. You haven't been to this rodeo. You need to come out and try it."

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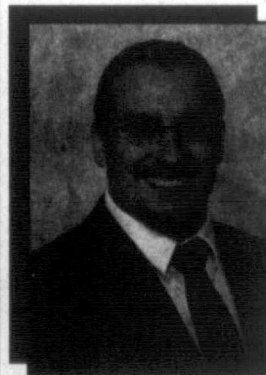
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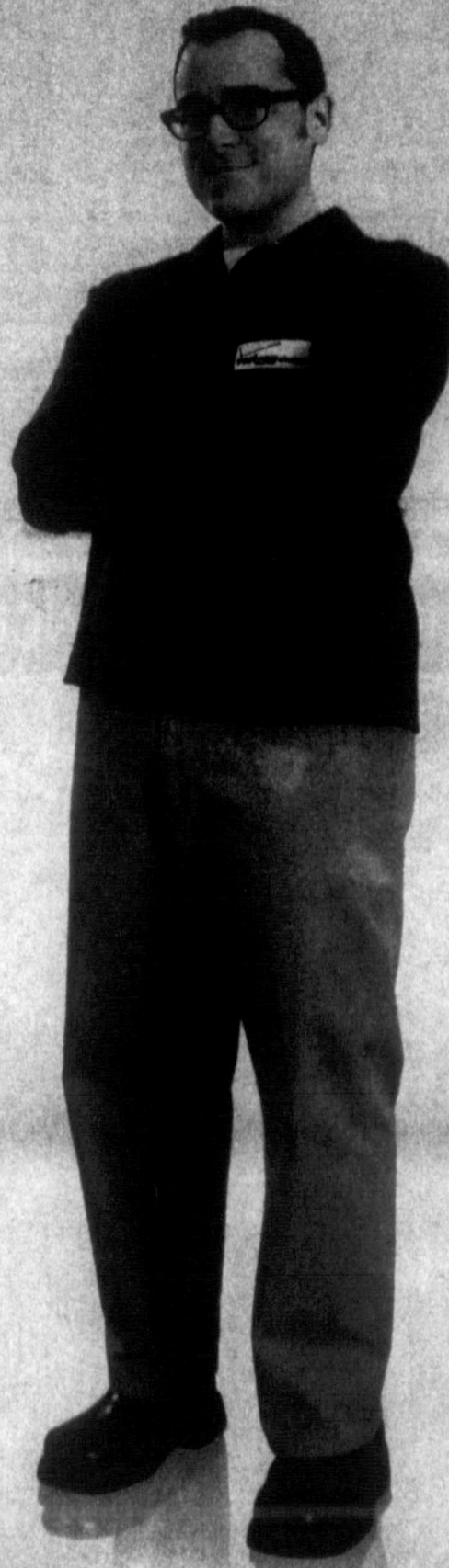
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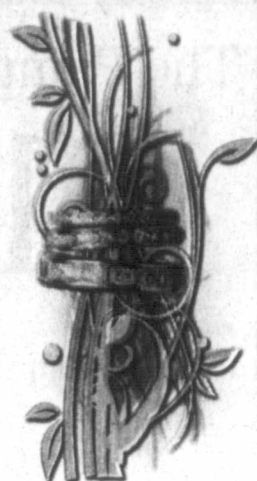
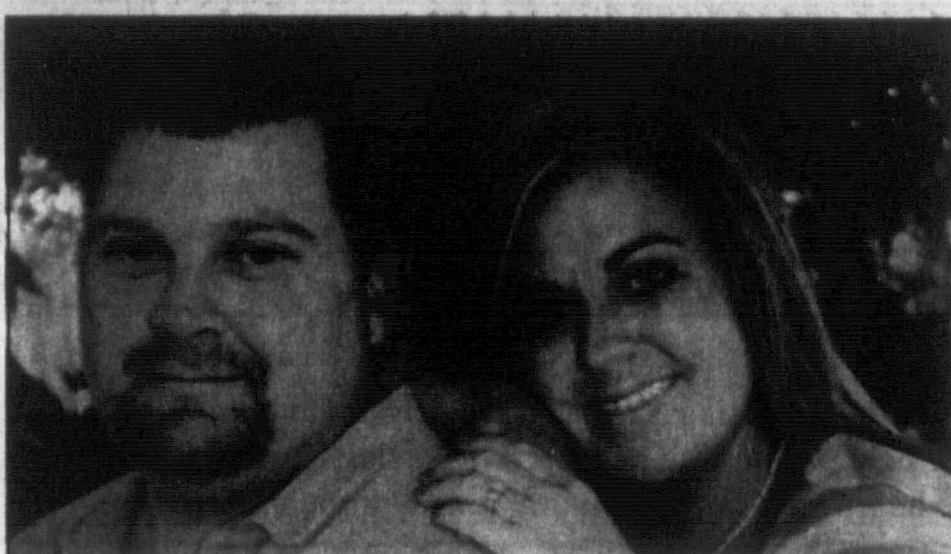
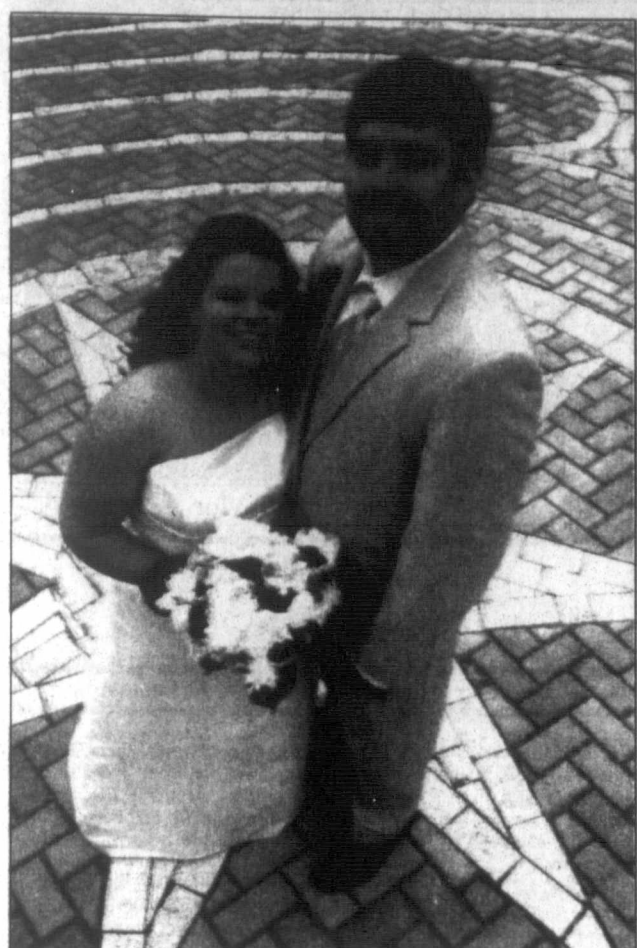
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groom Jason Rushing of Pampa, on August 8, 2009 at Central Baptist Church in Pampa. Parents of the Groom to be are David & Dottie Rushing Grandparents are the late John and Christine Rushing and the late Lonnie and Alice Dolloff. The bride to be is a 2001 Pampa

High School Graduate. Who is currently employed at Ashmore & Associates Insurance Agency.

The groom to be is a 1998 Shamrock High School Graduate who is currently employed at the Pampa Police Department.

Wilson, Ferris exchange vows

Nicole Wilson and Tim Ferris, both of Amarillo, were married May 16, 2009, at the home L.H. and Connie Jones, aunt and uncle of the bride, in Dublin.

The bride is the daughter of H.V. and Gayle Wilson, Pampa, TX

The groom is the son of Tracy Jones, Eufaula, Oklahoma and Dale Ferris of Pampa.

Maid of honor was Asia Wilson, Dallas, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was April Ward of Denton.

Best man was Zach Ferris, Amarillo, brother of the groom.

Groomsman was Aaron Cummings of Amarillo. Clay Schick, Amarillo, TX, brother of the bride, ushered mothers and grandmothers.

The ceremony was held outdoors under a grove of oaks. The color theme of the wedding was green and purple. The bride wore a white strapless floor length gown with tucks across the bodice. She carried a bouquet of peonies and hydrangeas.

A dinner and reception were held on the patio. Michelle Renseniz and Luzanne Bailey, both of Pampa, served at the reception. A dance was held outdoors on the stone labyrinth.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Pampa High School.

The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii. They reside in Amarillo.



Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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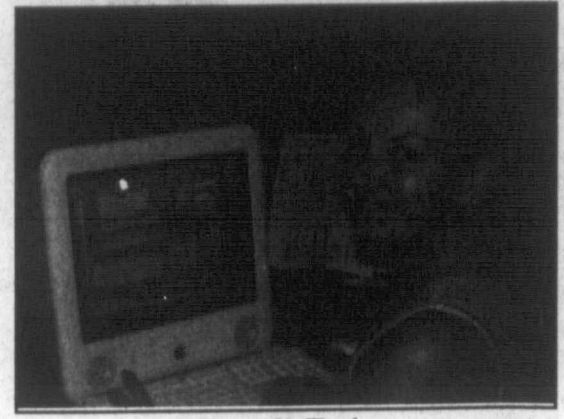
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 27, 2009.
This year, you often attempt to stretch and include even more people, events and communication in your life. Expect to be running here, there and everywhere. You like a hectic pace, but perhaps you have taken on too much. If you don't like the end results, cut back. Relate to and enjoy those in your life, and walk away from rigid structure. Your popularity blooms this year, and if you are single, you could decide to change your status. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from frequent getaways together. Your significant other could be unusually expressive. LIBRA brings out the best in you.

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)
**** Tame your ego, and today could be very easy. You could be surprised by what you can and will handle. Optimism surrounds caring and an ability to get to the bottom of what another person wants to share. Your positive attitude makes him or her relax. Tonight: Out and about. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
*** Focus on work and/or errands. With a smile on your face, you'll get a lot accomplished. Others, specifically one partner, really care and are pleased to be working with you. Plug into your imagination when creating a new project or solving a problem. Tonight: Off for a walk or some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your creativity bubbles forth. You have a deeper understanding of an issue than many think. How you demon-

strate this knowledge reflects who you are and your natural style. Tap into an expert or brainy person for ideas. Tonight: Let your imagination merge with your intelligence. Can a dream become a reality?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Could you be pushing the envelope and causing a problem? Be honest about your role in a complicated situation. A partner or close associate has a lot of ideas — listen; one might be great. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Sometimes you say too much, and right now you could develop a gift for gab that you will regret later. Be discreet and listen to others. You will quickly gain a lot of knowledge that could help in a decision-making process. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Stabilize your finances and don't kid yourself about a trend to spend more and more. Quickly become self-disciplined. Get to the bottom of a sudden desire to go overboard. What is driving this need? Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Buy a favorite dessert on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You beam no matter where you are or what you do. Others find you unusually responsive and innovative. Still, do a reality check to make sure that you are on the right track. Ask for feedback. Tonight: Romp on out the door.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Real estate, domestic issues and instincts dominate your day. Honor these priorities. Look at what is going on behind the scenes, not only with others, but also with you. You might be acting a tad strangely. Tonight: Take some private

time.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You know what you want to do and with whom. Make calls and round up the team you desire to make a project work. Be careful if you are squeezing in a personal matter during your workday. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Others look up to you and often follow your lead. You just need to take action. Accept your role and be willing to handle key responsibilities. No one can make a strong of a decision as you can in certain areas. Tonight: Could be late!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** If you are not convinced yet that you have chosen the appropriate path, do some more research with an eye to better solutions. Of course, your thinking might totally change, presenting yet another perspective, like, "who cares?" Tonight: Let your mind wander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Let a partner carry the weight of a decision on his or her back. You are always there to help this person. Perhaps letting him or her understand the enormity of a situation and the responsibility you carry could be strategic. Tonight: Dinner for two.

BORN TODAY
Olympic ice skater Peggy Fleming (1948), singer Chelyenne Kimball (1990), wrestler Triple H (1969)

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 26, 2009.

This year, the potential for achieving your long-term desires and goals is far easier than in past years. You are focused and directed. You don't fear manifesting, nor achieving. Sometimes people feel let down once they achieve their desires. Your ability to communicate, and at times to pick up on others' cues, evolves into a strong trait. If you are single, often you know what people are going to say before they get three words out of their mouth. If you are attached, let your significant other have the full attention he or she needs. LIBRA can charm even you!

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)
*** Others might be challenging, especially a parent or older relative. Stay level and listen to complaints, with an eye to creating something better. Your drive and strength in conversations or just being with someone brings many opportunities. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.

This Week: The good moments are great, and the bad moments are less good!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** You might want to slow down some more and do only what you must. Buy a gift or new item, but don't lose sight of your budget. You easily could justify going overboard. Some of you just might! Remember, there is a tomorrow. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: Work has some great moments, like Monday. Sit back and allow others to carry their weight Tuesday on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** How you see a situation and what goes on could change as soon as today. You could be much tougher or more difficult than you imagine. Perhaps others' reactions aren't so off base. Hold up a mirror and see yourself as others do. Tonight: Become more lovable.
This Week: Your creativity flourishes, especially Monday and Thursday. Trust

in your abilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Spend time with those close to you, your immediate circle, family and even a pet. Attention from you is greatly appreciated. Keep communication flowing. Let others know that their opinions are appreciated, even if you don't agree. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Basics might be important, but Tuesday on, you act as if you couldn't care less.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Pressure builds in a unique way. As a result, you feel the need to revamp your plans. Friends definitely call and seek you out. Go off to a ballgame. Enjoy yourself. Give up heaviness and intensity. Tonight: Enjoy every minute.

This Week: Immediately zero in on a project. If you are facing heavy work, close the door.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Stop before making a major purchase. Stop before accepting less than you want. Stop if you see yourself on a spending spree. You have a lot to offer, though at the moment you might not see it. Rebuild yourself. Tonight: Relax at home.

This Week: Watch on Monday, when someone points to the path of financial security.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You might be considering a trip to visit with a loved one. If you are full of fun and vigor, share some of this energy with someone who might be down. Happiness can be contagious. Tonight: Only what you want.

This Week: Use Monday, when the Force is with you to the max. Every day afterward is downhill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Take your time reading the Sunday paper. Don't feel as if you must get anything done. Sometimes taking a leisurely day is important for your well-being. Tonight: Someone certainly tries to energize you!

This Week: Tuesday, you perk up. Others feel your energy, power and charisma. Will someone dare to say "no" to you? **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** How can you possibly do everything you want and be with all the people you want? Do remember that this problem is a good one. Other than cloning yourself, you might be well advised to prioritize. Can you understand that a loved one sometimes feels neglected? Tonight: Just don't be alone.

This Week: Find some quiet space if you want to accomplish a lot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Deal with someone directly, especially as others are waiting to hear your opinions. Say "no" to extra work, whether it is for a social event or not. Isn't your plate full yet? Tonight: Count on being visible.

This Week: Others come to you first. Good leadership draws success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Someone from a distance could be trying to entice you to take flight and visit. Why not? Start verbalizing the reasons why not, and this person will help you eliminate them. Your libido energies bubble up. Tonight: Open the door to more romance.

This Week: Monday, internalize an insight. Tuesday and Wednesday, make a needed adjustment. Test an idea Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Someone moves in toward you. You might be delighted by the closeness in one way, but also a little uncomfortable with the newness, if you are honest with yourself. Don't start a quarrel for no reason. Tonight: Defer to a partner. That means letting this person carry the ball the whole way. OK?

This Week: The Force is with you Monday. Charge ahead, dear Fish, knowing that you've got the world in your hands. On Thursday, discuss finances.

BORN TODAY
Gold-medal-winning Olympian Dorothy Hamill (1956), author Aldous Huxley (1894), psychiatrist Carl Jung (1875)

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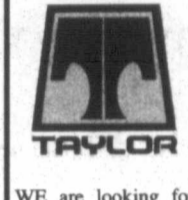
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New burst of attention for old doubts about Obama

NEW YORK (AP) — Six months after Barack Obama's inauguration, a persistent and noisy legion of doubters won't let go of an already debunked claim — that he is actually a foreign-born, illegal president.

The issue has flared again on political blogs, TV news shows and even a town hall meeting, widely circulated on YouTube, in which a Republican congressman was booed for saying Obama is a citizen.

Mainstream Republicans who want the issue to go away are having a tough time stamping it out as the so-called "birthers" resurface, with assists from talk show host Rush Limbaugh and CNN's Lou Dobbs.

Some who had initially dismissed the claim as a laughable political sideshow now wonder whether it's gotten out of control.

"I've stopped laughing," New York Daily News columnist Errol Louis wrote Thursday. "Too many political and media leaders are deliberately fanning the flames of ignorance and fear, and they should be ashamed."

Passions among the birthers run so high that Rep. Mike Castle, of Delaware, was booed by his own constituents at a recent town hall meeting for saying Obama "is a citizen of the United States." He was responding to a woman who waved her own birth certificate, contending Obama was born in Kenya, and shouted out, "I want my country back!"

Theories that Obama was born abroad abounded during the presidential campaign, even after an official Hawaii birth certificate was produced, along with August 1961 birth notices from two Honolulu newspapers. Numerous lawsuits and emergency appeals were lodged challenging Obama's eligibility to be president, and all were rebuffed.

The Constitution states that a person must be a "natural-born citizen" to be eligible for the presidency. The birthers contend that Obama's Hawaiian birth certificate is a fake, and many say he was actually

born in Kenya, his father's homeland.

Limbaugh, for example, joked that Obama and God have something in common — the lack of a birth certificate. Dobbs has broached the issue several times, saying at one point, "The questions won't go away."

And 10 Republican members of Congress have co-sponsored a bill that would require future presidential candidates to provide a copy of their original birth certificate.

One of those congressmen, John Campbell of California, was pressed by MSNBC's Chris Matthews as to whether he believed Obama was a U.S. citizen. "As far as I know," Campbell replied.

The issue also was raised by CNN's Larry King this week, in a conversation with Liz Cheney, a former State Department official and daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney.

"I think the Democrats have got more crazies than the Republicans do," Liz Cheney said. "But setting that aside, one of the reasons you see people so concerned about this ... people are uncomfortable with having for the first time ever, I think, a president who seems so reluctant to defend the nation overseas."

A fellow guest, Democratic strategist James Carville, suggested Cheney should have been more critical of those questioning Obama's citizenship.

"She refuses to say this is ludicrous because she wants these people to believe this," he said.

Carville is among many Democratic commentators suggesting that Republican officials are reluctant to denounce the birthers for fear of alienating an energetic part of their party's base. Even some conservatives say dragging out the controversy only hurts the Republican cause and helps Obama.

"He has a significant number of conservatives wasting enormous amounts of time on a side issue that can never bear any fruit

and, as an added bonus, it makes them look somewhat unhinged to many Americans," wrote conservative blogger John Hawkins on Townhall.com. "When your political enemies are making fools of themselves, why stop them?"

John Feehery, a GOP consultant and former press secretary for Dennis Hastert when he was House speaker, suggested that Dobbs and other broadcast figures were seeking to capitalize on the controversy to boost ratings.

"It says more about the media culture we're entering and the decline of responsible journalism, and less about the political realm," Feehery said.

As for the birth certificate bill introduced by the 10 House Republicans, Feehery said, "It's so they can point to something if they're asked questions."

The president's birth-

place and citizenship have been among the most popular topics in e-mails to Ask AP, a Q&A column where Associated Press journalists respond to readers' questions about the news. Over the past year, dozens of readers have asked about Obama's birth certificate, or have simply declared that he was born in Kenya and asked why he's allowed to serve as president.

Seemingly unimpeachable evidence hasn't swayed the birthers, as MSNBC's conservative talk show host Joe Scarborough noted this week.

"They would rather be like sea lions barking at waves," he said. "Instead of trying to figure out what's happening to their country ... they embrace conspiracy theories, and they make themselves look like cartoon characters."

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Minimum wage hike could threaten low earners' jobs

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal minimum wage increase that takes effect Friday could prolong the recession, some economists say, by forcing small businesses to lay off the same workers that the pay hike passed in better times was meant to help.

The increase to \$7.25 means 70 cents more an hour for the lowest-paid workers in the 30 states that have lower minimums or no minimum wage. It also means higher costs for employers who feel they've already trimmed all their operating fat.

"How will they absorb the increase?" said Rajeev Dhawan, director of Georgia State University's Economic Forecasting Center. "They will either hire less people or they will do less business."

More than in any period before, businesses are likely to lay off employees and reduce hours, further fueling the economic slump in states seeing double-digit unemployment rates, fiscal conservatives and some economists say.

Minimum wage advocates counter the wage bump will keep more working poor afloat, and say more increases are needed to help stimulate consumer spending and strengthen businesses in the long run.

In the end, it's the work-

ers and their employers who find themselves caught in the middle.

At Bench Warmers Bar and Grill in the southeast Kansas farming town of Chanute (pronounced shanOOT), owner Cathy Matney has decided to let some of her dishwashers go rather than pay all 22 of her employees more.

"It's bad timing," said Matney, whose waitresses and cooks will have to pitch in with scrubbing pots and pans. "With the economy like this, there's a lot of people who are out of work and this is only going to add to it."

Ryan Arfmann, who owns a Jamba Juice shop in Idaho Falls, Idaho, will be cutting hours to his staff, which is made up largely of college students, high schoolers and homemakers who want to make a few bucks.

"Am I going to fire anybody, no," Arfmann said. "But kids understand there's going to be hours cut."

Arfmann said he wishes the increase was spread out over a few more years, to make it easier for him to absorb the costs.

He also is concerned that he'll end up having to give everybody raises just to maintain pay differentials between employees.

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