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Kendra Blades (center) and the staff at the Vicary House Tea Room celebrate their award for 2010's "Best Place to Have Lunch."

Vicary House 'Best Place to Have Lunch'



Best Place to Have Lunch.

The Vicary House Tea Room

"It truly is a huge honor," said owner Kendra Blades of the Vicary House Tea Room being voted the

"Best Place to Have Lunch" in Gray County. As for why the restaurant won the honor, Blades

said that it's a combination of things. "I have wonderful people that work with me," said Blades. "We can't keep this place up without them. The waitresses remember what people like to drink so that they have their drinks ready before they even ask. We try to serve things on china plates so that, when people come in, they feel like it's a special occasion."

Blades was also quick to praise her customers, of which, she said, she has many regulars.

"We have very faithful customers," said Blades. "People love to come time after time and try our desserts. Our desserts are the drawing card. The first thing people do when they come in is they pick out their desserts, since we have a limited number, then they order their entree. Their favorite desserts are their priority."

Of course, added Blades, the entrees aren't anything

to sneeze at, either. "My goal when I prepare food is to make something that has vibrant flavor that is aesthetically appealing, Blades said, "so that when people look at it when it comes out, they can't wait to taste it."



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

The Plaza's Wanda Campbell was elated about winning 2010's "Best Server" award.



Best Server Wanda Campbell, The Plaza

Wanda Campbell, the 2010 winner for the county's "Best Server," may have one more superlative to her name: She may have been the happiest

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U.S. Census to take to streets this Monday

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Individuals who did not mail their United States Census Forms can count on a visit from Census Enumerators beginning Monday, May 3rd. The Census Bureau will be going door-todoor conducting a Nonresponse Follow-Up (NRFU) in an effort to achieve an accurate count of the population of the City of Pampa.

United States

"The Census data will help form the basis for many impor-

tant political, economic, and social decisions that affect our city and impact our daily lives," said Jildardo Arias, an Engineerin-Training with the City of Pampa.

A more accurate, higher population count opens the doors to federal and state grants that may be available only to cities of cer-

tain populations. Census data also helps determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs, family support programs, senior centers and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.

Accurate counts also assure proper representation in state and local government.

Enumerators can easily be identified by the badge that theywill be wearing with a United States Department of Commerce watermark. The Census Taker may also be carrying a bag with a Census Bureau logo and may provide you with supervisor contact information for verification if asked.

Census Workers will not ask for citizenship status, Social Security numbers, credit card or banking information. All Census Takers have undergone an FBI name check and an FBI fingerprint check.

"I highly encourage people to take a few minutes out of their busy lives to answer a few simple questions for the Census to ensure an accurate count of the population of the City of Pampa," City Secretary Karen Price said. Census Takers will be working daily between the hours of 8 AM and 8 PM until they have contacted every address that did not return a Census Form.

Clarendon, West Texas A&M enter partnership

ROGER ESTLACK Special to The Pampa News

The presidents of Clarendon College and West Texas A&M University signed a new partnership last Wednesday that streamlines the path to a four-year degree and creates many benefits for students at Clarendon.

The "Destination WT" agreement provides greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between Clarendon and other area colleges and WTAMU.

"Our flagship university in the Panhandle is and always was West Texas," Clarendon College President Bill Auvenshine said during a ceremony at the Bairfield Activity Center. "Most of our transfers go to WT, and our do very well there. It is our pleasure to pledge our support to WT."

WTAMU says 454 of their current students identify themselves with a connection to PARTNERSHIP cont. on page

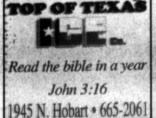


Bill Auvenshine (left), President of Clarendon College, poses with West Texas A&M President J. Patrick O'Brien to signify the new partnership between the two institutions.









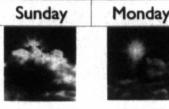
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Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. North northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low

becoming south southwest. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with

around 46. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South southwest wind around 15 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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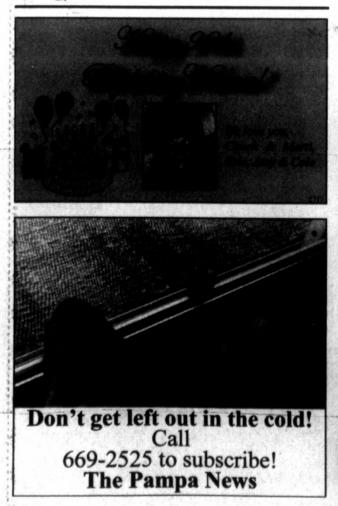
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Obituaries

Judy Neslage, 70

Dallas-Judy Neslage, 70, died April 29, 2010 in Dallas.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, 2010, at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas. Graveside services will be at 12:30 PM Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Msgr. Michael Colwell, officiating. Arrangements are by Restland Funeral Home in Dallas and Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

Our beloved sister, aunt, friend and colleague, Judy, passed away at her residence in Presbyterian Village North in Dallas TX. Judy has endured many health problems over the past years; she always came back from these, but this time it was not to be. Her family and friends know that Judy is at peace and restored to health in the presence of our Heavenly

Judy was born in Ponca City, Okla., on October 22, 1939, to her parents, Dorothy and Fred Neslage. Judy was the eldest of eleven brothers and sisters. She loved her family and was very proud of them, loved to talk about them and all of their accomplishments. She doted on all of her nieces and nephews and regarded them as her own kids. They brought so much joy to her life. As her nieces and nephews married and brought their own children to visit, Judy embraced them and they learned to call her "Dodie," as their parents had before them. Family pictures always surrounded Judy. This feeling of family and being loved brought Judy much peace.

Judy received a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University and a master's degree from The University of North Texas. She taught for several years in Pampa, Texas, prior to moving to Richardson where she became a member of the Richardson ISD staff. She was an educator for 42 years prior to retirement. Judy served RISD in a variety of leadership roles: teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director. She began her career in RISD as a first grade teacher at Richardson Heights Elementary. Judy was chosen to go to Hamilton Park Pacesetter Elementary the first year their program began. She loved her days there and was very proud to have been a part of this innovative school. Judy also worked at Bowie Elementary, Brentfield Elementary, Spring Valley Elementary and Dartmouth Elementary, as well as at the Special Education Department where she served as director.

Judy received many accolades and honors while serving the RISD. Her proudest accomplishments were in being recognized as an advocate for children. She always had time for students, parents and staff-and always made them feel valued. Judy maintained friendships with many who worked

with her over the years, and former students often visited her. Just recently, a former student brought his wife and children to visit. He wanted his family to meet her as she had had such a positive impact on

his life. Judy possessed an amazing intellect and wit. She was called upon many times to be the keynote speaker at school district events and functions, and her speeches always had the audience laughing - no one could tell a story like Judy. Her ability to capture an audience was never more evident than the year she spoke to district personnel at the annual convocation prior to the beginning of the school year. The audience loved her, and she loved doing it.

Judy was named to Leadership Texas, an organization that recognized outstanding women leaders across the state of Texas. The time she spent in this organization was among her happiest. She made so many friends from across Texas, many of whom remained close friends throughout her life. Her generous and car-

ing spirit was a big part of Judy's personality. She was most generous with her time and resources to anyone in need, and always had an encouraging word or a shoulder to cry onwhatever would help. She cared deeply about her family, friends and everyone with whom she came

In the past few years, family, friends and colleagues were a constant presence in Judy's life. Their visits, calls and cards brightened her days. Birthdays were really big with Judy-especially her own! She loved her last birthday when friends and family gathered with her to celebrate. Presents, flowers, cards and, of course, a crown for "The Queen" were all part of the celebra-

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Judy felt fortunate to have a wonderful family who loved her and cared for her so much. Her family loved her unconditionally, as she did them. Her friends held a special place in her heart, as she did in theirs. She leaves a hole in the lives of many.

Her survivors include her brothers Fred, Bill, Bob, Tom, Terry and Tim Neslage, and her sisters Marion Gerome. Jean Wright and Patsy Urbanovsky, as well as many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her mom, dad, and brother, John.

In lieu of flowers, please submit donations* to: The Arthritis Foundation, Texas Chapter 4300 MacArthur Avenue, Suite 245, Dallas, TX 75209 or Faith Presbyterian Hospice, 6100 Colwell Boulevard, Suite 225, Irving, TX 75039-3112.

*Please include Judy's name on your donation.

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Vayne McKean, 86

Pampa - Wayne 28, 2010 in Pampa.

Memorial servicwill be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2010, Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McKean was born August 22, 1923 in Durham, Okla. He married Rena Bouchard on May 20, 1946. She preceded him in death on May 5, 2004. He had been a

McKean, 86, died April 1949. Wayne worked for preceded in death by a son, retiring in 1985. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren.

> Survivors include three daughters, Maxine Stauffacher of Lefors, Barbara Murnan and husband Gary of Noble, Okla., and Kay Dudley and husband Scott of Elk City, Okla.; a son, Allen McKean and wife Majaunta of Pampa; son-in-law, Don Cauthorn of Grand Prairie; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-

Cabot Corp. for 37 years, Robert "Bob" McKean; and a daughter, Peggy Cauthorn.

> Memorial may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900

resident of Pampa since grandchildren. Wayne was 1-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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The full winners' list:

The following is the full roster of winners for this year's "Best of Gray County" reader poll. Thank you to all of our readers who participated in the contest. Congratulations to everyone that won!

Best auto repair shop **Thomas Automotive** Best insurance agent Ellis Miller Best real estate agent Roberta Babb Best city official Shane Stokes Best county official Joe Martinez Best mechanic Steve Beckham Best used car dealer

Allison Auto Best physician Dr. Black Best dentist Dr. Johnson Best veterinarian Gray County Vet Best eye care provider Simmons Best teacher Susan Parrish Best place to buy fresh produce United Supermarkets Best place to buy a soda Easy's Best pizza Pizza Hut Best place to have a computer repaired Best place to buy a birthday cake Sweet Escape

Best breakfast burrito Hamburger Station Restaurant with the best service The Plaza Friendliest bank teller Jeri Foote at FBSW Best community event

Best place for kids to have fun City Parks — City pool, City lake, Super Playground Best motel AmericInn Best nail tech **Lindsey Couts** Best place to buy a gift Wal-Mart Best car salesman Jay Holmes Best place to buy auto parts Advance Best place to buy antiques Trash & Treasures Best place to buy breakfast Peggy's Best server Wanda Campbell at The Plaza Best firefighter Bryan Snapp Best place to get taxes prepared H&R Block Best ice cream Braums Best auto body shop Prestige Best lawn care provider **A&T Yard Service** Best dry cleaners **Quality Cleaners** Best place to buy active wear Best place for family photos

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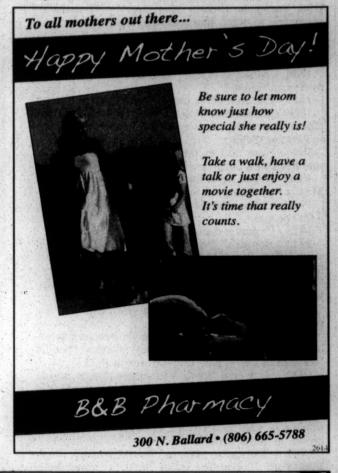
winner in this year's contest.

"Oh my God, this is the best day of my life," said an ecstatic Campbell as she hugged and high-fived her co-workers. "This is so cool."

When asked why she thinks she won, Campbell said that she just tries her best to be friendly and attentive.

"I just try to give people what they deserve when they're here," said Campbell. "They come here to have a good meal and to be paid attention to, and that's what I do."

"I like to talk to people, too," added Campbell with a smile. "I know everybody's business in Pampa. I grew up here and I know just about everyone here. That's why I like the Plaza so much. They came here and they really did a lot of good for



Partnership

Clarendon College. A total of 120 former CC students graduated from West Texas last year, and 123 are set to graduate this year.

West Texas A&M President J. Patrick O'Brien said an educated population is the key to economic vitality in the region and said the new partnership will help local students who declare as freshmen their intent to transfer to West Texas A&M.

"This agreement will ease the transfer process," O'Brien said. "They won't have to apply for admission, and we will waive the application process and fees." Additionally, Clarendon College students who are destined for West Texas will be allowed to participate in selected West Texas student activities without cost; and upon transfer, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. If the Clarendon College student is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity, the scholarship is increased to \$1,500.

"It is a win-win situation, and we are tickled to death about it," O'Brien said.

Students will be encouraged to earn an associate's degree and/ or as many transferable academic credits as possible before transferring to WTAMU. In turn, the partnership agreement will include a reverse transfer process where Clarendon-College is able to award associate degrees to former students who earn the required credit at WTAMU.

At the center of 'Destination WT" is a Transfer Plan for each student that outlines coursework for both the associate's and bach-The elor's degrees. Transfer Plan will simplify degree requirements and help students obtain their degrees more quickly.

Academic advising help through coordinated efforts between WTAMU

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and the student's respective community college will help ensure progression toward each degree.

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Lions Club

Best coach

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Shepard's Crook

Best civic organization

Best home health provider

O'Brien will sign similar agreements with Frank Phillips College in Borger on May 3 and with Amarillo College on May 6.

The "Destination WT" program is limited to students who have earned less than 25 transferable credit hours and are enrolled at Amarillo Clarendon College, College or Frank Phillips College. However, any student at these institutions may utilize the published Transfer Plans. For more information

about "Destination WT," call the WTAMU Office of Admissions at 651-2020.

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Pampa ISD Events for the Week of May 3-8

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May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration & Car Show 3-6 p.m. PHS South Lawn

Pampa High School

May 3 • Government AP Exam

May 3 • Tennis Banquet • 7:00 p.m.

May 4 • Spanish AP Exam

May 4 • Honors Banquet • 7:00 p.m. MK Brown

May 5 • Awards Assembly • 9:00 a.m.

May 5-9 • BPA Nationals

May 6&7 • End of Course Exams

May 6 • English Lit AP Exam

May 6 • Band Spring Festival McNeely Field House • 7:00 p.m.

May 7 • Band Banquet • 7:00 p.m.

Pampa Learning Center

May 7 • Career Day at Clarendon College

Pampa Jr. High

May 3 • Yearbook signing

May 3-5 • Band Rehearsal for 6th Grade

May 5 • National Jr. Honor Society • 7:30 a.m./3:30 p.m.

May 6 • Band Spring Festival McNeely • 7:00 p.m.

May 8 • Choir Greater Southwest Music Festival Amarillo/Wonderland

May 8 • Band Greater Southwest Music Festival/Wonderland May 8 • 8th Grade Dance Country Club • 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Austin Elementary

May 3 • Lamar Head Start Visit

Lamar Elementary

May 3 • Head Start Transition Visit to Austin Elementary

May 4 • Head Start Transition Visit to Lamar Elementary

May 5 • Head Start Transition Visit to Travis Elementary

May 5 • Cinco de Mayo Program • 1:30 p.m.

May 5 • 1st-5th Cinco de Mayo performance • 5:00 p.m. May 6 • Head Start Transition visit to Wilson Elementary

May 6&7 • Mrs. Novian's Head Start Parent Conferences

May 7 • 3 year old Head Start Transition to Lamar

Travis Elementary

May 3 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 p.m.

May 4 • Altrusa Party • 10:00 a.m.

May 5 • 3rd Grade to Discovery Center

May 5 • Headstart Visit • 9:45 a.m.

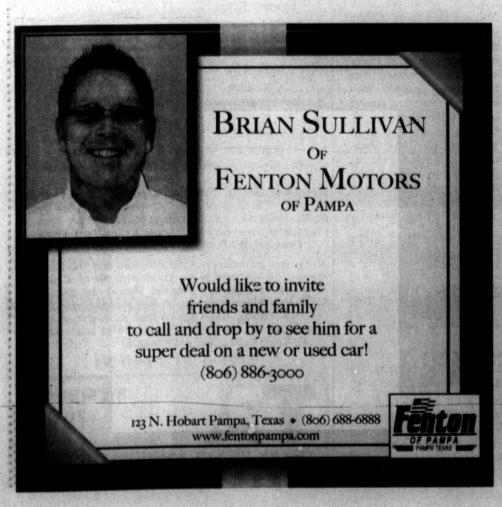
May 6 • Kindergarten Bubblemania WOWW Trip to Amarillo

Wilson Elementary

May 6 • Lamar Head Start visit

May 6 • Bilingual Meeting • 6:00 p.m. May 7 • Wilson Celebration Gym • 2:00 p.m.

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



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Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 1, the 121st day of 2010. There are 244 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1522 - England declares war on France and Scotland. 1648 - Scots begin second Civil War.

1703 - Chushingura Incident occurs in Japan when Kiva Yoshinaka is slain in revenge by 47 ronin, or masterless samurai, who hold him responsible for their

1707 - Union between England and Scotland goes into effect under name Great Britain.

1786 - Mozart's opera "Marriage of Figaro" premieres in Vienna.

leader, lord of Ako's death.

1819 - Freedom of the press is introduced in France. 1884 - Construction of the first skyscraper in the United States, the ten-story Home Insurance Building in Chicago, begins.

1896 - Naser od-Din, the unpopular shah of Persia, is murdered by a fanatic. 1898 - A U.S. naval force destroys a Spanish fleet in

Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War. 1919 - Mount Kelud erupts in Indonesia, killing 5,000 people.

1925 - Cyprus is declared a British crown colony. 1942 - Japanese forces take Mandalay, Burma, in World War II, while British retreat along Chindwin

1948 - The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, known as North Korea, is proclaimed.

1960 - The Soviet Union shoots down U.S. U-2 spy plane over Sverdlovsk.

1967 - Anastasio Somoza Debayle becomes president of Nicaragua; Elvis Presley marries Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas. They divorce in 1973. 1970 - U.S. and South Vietnamese troops invade

Cambodia to root out Vietnamese Communist bases. 1979 - Greenland gains home rule from Denmark. 1986 - Millions of blacks stay away from jobs and schools in what is described as largest anti-apartheid

protest in South Africa's history. 1987 - During a visit to West Germany, Pope John Paul II beatifies Edith Stein, a Jewish-born

Carmelite nun gassed in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz 1988 - Police clash with demonstrators throughout Poland as thousands heed labor group Solidarity's call

for national day of protest. 1989 - Government of Kampuchea changes country's name to Cambodia.

1990 - Soviet protesters heckle President Mikhail Gorbachev at May Day parade on Red Square.

1991 - Iraq tells international regulators that 18 of its 24 nuclear facilities were destroyed in allied bombing. 1992 - U.S. President George Bush orders 1,000 riot police to Los Angeles, torn by ethnic rioting, and puts 4,000 army troops on standby while Rodney King, whose beating by white police officers and their acquittal sparked the riots, appears in public to appeal for calm.

1993 - Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa is killed by a Tamil separatist rebel suicide bomber in Colombo

1994 - U.N. tank fire kills nine Serbian soldiers in Bosnia, and another three are killed by British troops in some of the worst clashes between U.N. peacekeeping troops and Serbs.

1995 - The Croatian Army mounts a full-scale assault on the Serb-held enclave of Slavonia in Croatia, send-

ing thousands of civilians fleeing.

1996 - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat visits Washington, where he criticizes Israel for keeping its borders closed to Palestinian workers and picks up a \$20 million World Bank loan.

1997 - Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness win two of Northern Ireland's 18 seats in British Parliament. 1998 - The former prime minister of Rwanda, Jean

Kambanda, becomes the first person ever to plead guilty before an international tribunal, admitting in Arusha, Tanzania, to his role in the 1994 genocide of more than 500,000 Rwandans.

2000 - One of 13 Iranian Jews being tried on espionage charges confesses on Iranian state television that he spied for Israel.

2001 - Thomas Blanton Jr. becomes the second ex-Ku Klux Klansman to be convicted in the 1963 bombing of a church in Birmingham, Alabama, that claimed the lives of four black girls.

2002 - Britain's Queen Elizabeth II opens her Golden Jubilee, a national celebration of her 50 years on the

2003 - U.N. international staff return to Baghdad for the first time since the U.S. invasion.

2004 - Montreal archbishop Andrew Hutchison is elected as new leader of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hutchison says he personally favors church blessings for same-sex couples but remains open regarding how he'll vote on that issue. 2005 - Pyongyang test fires a short-range missile that

plunges into the Sea of Japan. The White House, pushing hard for international action against North Korea, says it is not surprised by the launch.

2006 - Illegal immigrants and their allies gather for marches, prayers and demonstrations on a planned national day of economic protest, boycotting work, school and shopping to show their importance to the

2007 - President Hugo Chavez's government takes over Venezuela's last privately run oil fields, intensifying a power struggle with international companies over the world's largest known petroleum deposit.

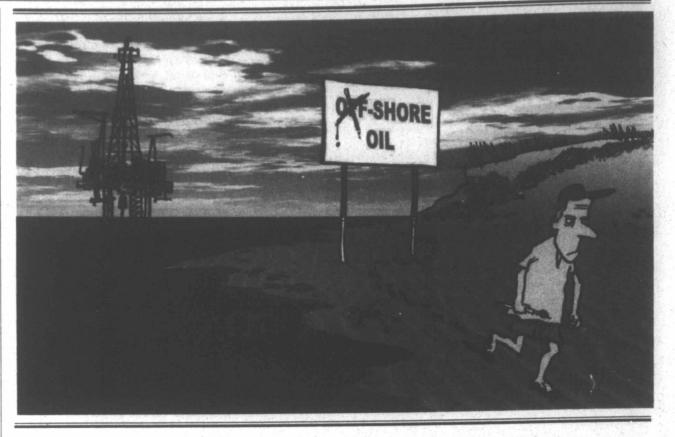
2008 - Al-Jazeera cameraman Sami al-Haj is released from U.S. custody at Guantanamo Bay and returned home to Sudan after six years of imprisonment that drew worldwide protests.

2009 - Hundreds of Venezuelan police and National Guard troops break up a protest march with volleys of tear gas and blasts from water cannon that scatters a crowd of President Hugo Chavez's opponents.

Today's Birthdays:

Joseph Addison, English poet-politician (1672-1719); Arthur Wellesley, English soldier-statesman (1769-1852); Jose Alencar, Brazilian novelist/play-wright (1829-1877); Kate Smith (1909-1986); U.S. singer; Glenn Ford, U.S. actor (1916-2006); Joseph Heller, U.S. writer (1923-1999); Judy Collins, U.S. singer (1939--), Rita Coolidge, U.S. singer (1945--); Ray Parker Jr., U.S. singer (1954--); Wes Anderson, U.S. director (1969--).

Thought For Today: Think much, speak little, and write less - Italian proverb



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Shepard's Crook Home Health

Relay For Life is more than just a fundraiser. It's a life-changing experience. At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer.

Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story. At Relay, you can find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime. You can thank all the people who have done so much to support you through your personal cancer experience. And you can gather together with friends, family, and colleagues to laugh, cry, and create lasting memories.

No matter why you take part in Relay, however, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, we aren't iust fighting one type of cancer we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of our loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life® of Gray County gives everyone in the community a chance to help the organization save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Register your team today by visiting Relayforlife. org/graycotx or by calling Pam Dalton at 806-665-0356

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ence in the fight against cancer are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place from 7 PM on June 25, 2010 until 7AM on June 26, 2010 at Pampa Recreation Park.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups . . . people from all walks of life - all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

"Relay For Life draws attention to the progress being made in the fight against cancer," said Christy Robinson, Gray County volunteer Relay event chair. "Many participants are our family, friends, and neighbors who have faced cancer themselves. Their involvement helps brings hope that, together, we can eliminate cancer as a major health problem."

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life is available at RelayForLife.org/graycotx or by calling Christy Robinson 806-440-2351.

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The gulf oil spill is the recipe for disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) -What makes an oil spill really bad? Most of the ingredients for it are now blending in the Gulf of

Experts tick off the essentials: A relentless flow of oil from under the sea; a type of crude that mixes easily with water; a resultant gooey mixture that is hard to burn and even harder to clean; water that's home to vulnerable spawning grounds for new life; and a coastline with difficult-to-scrub marshlands

Gulf Coast experts have always talked about "the potential for a bad one," said Wes Tunnell, coastal ecology and oil spill expert at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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It hasn't quite become a total disaster yet. But it's hard to imagine it not being devastating, said Ed Overton, who heads a federal chemical hazard assessment team for oil spills. The Louisiana State University professor has been testing samples of the spilled crude.

He compared what's brewing to another all-toofamiliar Gulf Coast threat: "This has got all the characteristics of a Category 5 hurricane.

If conditions don't change quickly, devastation of the highest magnitude is headed for somewhere along the coast, said Overton, who works with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration. More than 200,000 gallons of oil a day are spewing from the blown-out well at the site of BP's Deepwater Horizon rig, which exploded April 20 and sank two days later. Crews are using at least six remotely operated vehicles to try to shut off an underwater valve, but so far they've been unsuccessful. Meanwhile, high winds and waves are pushing oily water over the booms meant to contain it. Besides BP, a slew of federal and state agencies are scrambling to minimize the onslaught of damage.

Experts in oil spills have drills every few years to practice their response for spills of "national significance." One of those prac-

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tice runs took place just last month in Maine. The Gulf of Mexico leak is a "combination of all the bad things happening" and makes it far worse than any disaster imagined in the drills, said Nancy Kinner, director of the Coastal Response Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

"This is relentless," Kinner said.

Most Americans think of Exxon Valdez when it comes to spills. But the potential and likelihood here "is well beyond that," said University of Rhode Island ocean engineering professor Malcolm Spaulding. Because the Deepwater Horizon well has not been capped and may flow for months more, it should be compared to a bigger more dangerous one from a well explosion in 1979, said Tunnell. That was Ixtoc 1, off the coast of Mexico. It was the

worst peacetime oil spill on record.

The current spill "is kind of a worst case scenario," Tunnell said.

What makes this spill relentless and most similar to Ixtoc 1 is that it's an active well that keeps flowing. The Exxon Valdez was a tanker with a limited supply of oil. The rig 40 miles from the Gulf Coast may leak for months before a relief well can be drilled to stop the flow, Kinner said.

And LSU's Overton said: "I'm not very optimistic that they'll be drilling a relief well in three months.'

The type of oil involved is also a major problem. While most of the oil drilled off Louisiana is a lighter crude, this isn't. It's a heavier blend because it comes from deen under the ocean surface, Overton said.

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oil, I'd put this right up there. The only thing that's not bad about this is that it doesn't have a lot of sulfur in it and the high sulfur really smells bad.

The first analysis of oil spill samples showed it contains asphalt-like substances that make a major sticky mess, he said. This is because the oil is older than most oil in the region and is very dense.

This oil also emulsifies well, Overton said. Emulsification is when oil and water mix thoroughly together, like a shampoo, which is mostly water, said Penn State engineering professor Anil Kulkarni.

It "makes a thick gooey

chocolate mousse type of mix," Kulkarni said.

And once it becomes that kind of mix, it no longer evaporates as quickly as regular oil, doesn't rinse off as easily, can't be eaten by oil-munching microbes as easily, and doesn't burn as well, experts said.

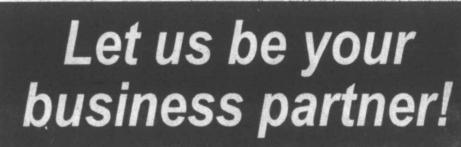
That type of mixture essentially removes all the best oil clean-up weapons, Overton and others said.

Under better circumstances, with calmer winds and water, the oil might have a chance of rising without immediately emulsifying, but that's not happening here, Kulkarni said. It's pretty much mixed by the time it gets to the sur-

The wind and waves are also pushing the oil directly toward some of the most sensitive coastal areas: the marshlands of Louisiana and surrounding states.

And there are three types of beaches: sandy, rocky and marshy. Sandy beaches, like those in Florida, are the easiest to clean, Overton said. By far the hardest are marshlands and that's where the oil is heading first.

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Top judge on criminal appeals court fined \$100k

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) He said Keller did not try The top judge on Texas' highest criminal appeals court has been fined \$100,000 for not fully reporting her income and property holdings as required by law.

The fine against Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Sharon Keller, who is also facing separate charges of misconduct for refusing to allow the court to accept a late appeal before a 2007 execution, is the largest ever imposed by the Texas Ethics Commission.

Keller's sworn personal income statements for 2007 and 2008 didn't include properties valued at more than \$2 million and other income sources totaling about \$183,000.

The panel issued the order Wednesday.

Keller's attorney, Ed Shack, said Friday that Keller is "very disappointed at the excessive penalty" and plans to appeal. to mislead anyone and filed corrected reports when she learned of a problem.

Texans for Public Justice, the liberal watchdog group that filed the ethics complaint over the financial disclosures, said Keller "deserved a substantial penalty.'

"It sends the wrong signal when top state judges don't follow the law. I think this fine is the Ethics Commission's way of saying that public servants will be held to the highest standards," said Texans for Public Justice Director Craig McDonald. "Nobody can put themselves above state ethics laws.

Keller, a Republican, has been on the court since 1994. The financial reporting misconduct complaint came after The Dallas Morning News reported that Keller's routine annual financial disclosures did not include two Dallas homes and commercial land.

Keller later filed amended reports to include the properties and income. She explained that she had mistakenly omitted the property assets from previous disclosures because her father, Dallas landowner and hamburger restaurateur, Jack Keller, hadn't told her of them.

The Ethics Commission ordered Keller to pay the fine by Aug. 10.

In the death row case, the state Commission on Judicial Conduct is scheduled to meet in June to decide whether to punish Keller for refusing to let twice-convicted killer Michael Wayne Richard file a late appeal in the hours before his execution.

On the day he was scheduled to be executed, Richard's attorneys saw a window of reprieve when the Supreme Court agreed to review a challenge to

Kentucky's three-drug combination used in executions. Texas uses a similar lethal cocktail, which was the basis of Richard's final appeal.

Prosecutors allege Keller "cast public discredit" on the judiciary and denied Richard the right to be heard. When Keller received a call asking whether the court could stay open past 5 p.m., prosecutors said she was required by court protocol to direct the call to the appellate judge on duty that night.

State District Judge David Berchelmann, who presided over Keller's trial on the misconduct charges, found that Keller showed "highly questionable" judgment.

But he recommended that she receive no reprimand "beyond the public humiliation she has surely suffered.'

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must be cut. But it also penetrates the soil and that is extremely difficult to get out, she said.

The normal bacteria that eats oil needs oxygen to work, and in the soils of the marsh, there's not enough oxygen for that process, she said.

It's also the time of year in the Gulf of Mexico when fish spawn, plankton bloom and the delicate ecosystem is at a vulnerable stage.

Hurricane season is

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fast approaching in June and experts are sure the oil will still be flowing by then. Though it might seem counterintuitive, a big storm could help by dispersing and diluting the worst of the oil, Overton said.

"A hurricane is Mother Nature's vacuum cleaner,' Overton said. Normally it cleans things up. But that's not a solution with a continuing spill.

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Xcel Energy seeks approval for generator

Anticipating future electric load growth, Xcel Energy is seeking approval to add a new, 168-megawatt natural gas-fired combustion turbine at its Jones Generating Station near Lubbock.

Xcel Energy, through its Amarillo-based subsidiary, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) Friday at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, opening a process to prove the merits of installing another generator in the SPS service area. Jones Station, located

natural gas-fueled, steamelectric generating station with two operating units

Jones Unit 1 completed in 1971 and Jones Unit 2 completed in 1974. The plant currently has a generating capacity of 486 megawatts. Pending regulatory approval, Xcel Energy plans to build Jones Unit 3 by 2012, equipped with a Siemens Energy gas combustion turbine with a summer capacity rating of approximately 168 megawatts. The project will cost approximately \$116 million.

Initially, Xcel Energy expects to use the addi-

southeast of Lubbock, is a tional power to help meet summer demand, traditionally higher than any other period of the year.

> "Our regional oil and gas industries have expanded even as the national economy slumped, and we know that these and other industries are planning more development and more jobs over the next few years," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "We want to prepare for this anticipated growth with additional resources that are clean, reliable and cost-effective."

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Perry rejects health insurance risk pool

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) critics of the health care 10th Amendment. Gov. Rick Perry told U.S. Health and Human Secretary Services Kathleen Sebelius on Friday that Texas will not submit plans to operate a temporary high-risk insur-

ance pool. The high-risk insurance pools are part of the federal health care overhaul and Sebelius had asked states to submit their plans by Friday.

The high-risk pools will offer coverage to people with pre-existing health conditions who have been uninsured for 6 months, at a cost similar to what everybody else pays. In states that decline to run the pools, the federal government will step in and run them.

Perry said the state can't commit to the new program due to the "lack of program rules or reliable federal funding."

"As we've seen in federal education and stimulus programs, the administration is again asking states to commit to a program without knowing the rules of engagement," Perry wrote in a letter to Sebelius. "I do not believe that the aggressive implementation and the lack of assurances on financial solvency of the program are in the best interest of Texas taxpayers, families, patients or health care providers."

Perry has been one of the

legislation and has said he will continue to oppose provisions that eventually will require most Americans to buy health insurance or face a fine.

Texas is one of more than a dozen states that are challenging the new health care law. Among other things, critics argue it is unconstitutional because of the mandates to buy insurance and because it violates states' rights protected under the

Although Congress has committed \$5 billion for states to run the risk pools for at least four years, Perry said he has found the amount to be insufficient.

"In the coming years, state officials could be forced to reduce health coverage, raise premiums or ask state taxpayers to pay for these high-risk pools once federal funds run dry," he wrote.

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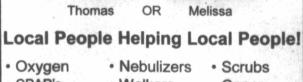
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High Plains Off-Road, which hosts the annual Mud Bogs in Pampa, met at Recreation Park on Thursday to begin discussing plans for this year's event. The group has adopted a parcel of the park to make improvements to the area and take care of the property in preparation for the race. "We like to take care of (the park)," said High Plains Off-Road Nick Harvill. "This is where we have (the Mud Bogs), so we want it to be a nice place." This year's Mud Bogs will be on June 5.

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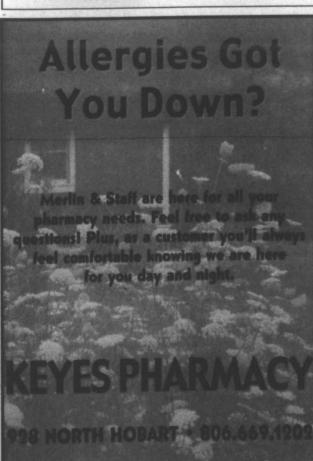
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Drilling stocks sell off amid industry scrutiny

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors sold shares of companies with ties to oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico as the industry came under greater scrunity as oil from a massive spill reached the marshlands of Louisiana.

As the extent of the spill unfolded, investors tried to determine the near- and long-term impact. Shares of companies that operate offshore rigs fell while major oil producers

that reported healthier first-quarter earnings this week fared better.

Oil spewing from the deepwater well where an explosion occurred 10 days ago reached Louisiana's wetlands as storms threatened to deter efforts to protect the environment.

President Barack Obama directed that no new offshore oil drilling leases be issued unless rigs have new safeguards. He gave Interior

Secretary Ken Salazar 30 days to report on what new technologies are needed.

Representatives of energy companies are following the investigation into the cause of the explosion. They're awaiting more details of what Obama's position will be on drilling after Salazar's report is

complete.



lanyon State Park upgrading access

CANYON Spectacular, rugged and starkly beautiful, Palo Duro Canyon State Park has always been a worthy Texas bragging point. To make sure everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the canyon's scenic splendor, early this summer Texas Parks and Wildlife begins making more of this 76-year-old park current with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Construction is expected to be completed in spring

"There are accessibility issues that have to be conquered to give everybody the same access," says Park Superintendent Randy Ferris.

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Thanks to bond funding authorized by the Texas Legislature and approved by statewide voters, Texas Parks and Wildlife is repairing and renovating several Palo Duro Canyon facilities to make them ADA compliant.

At the same time, TPWD is protecting the historical integrity of park structures. At the park headquarters, that is a particular challenge because it was built by the legendary Civilian Conservation Corps. Six CCC companies labored from 1933 to 1937 to build the park. Their work is carefully protected by the Texas Historical Commission and other entities.

"The main part of the building is a CCC-era structure," says project manager Ronny Gallagher. "There are two restrooms in the headquarters that are extremely small but are in that older, historic area."

The building also has a newer section, built in the CCC style but only about 40 years old. That section will be renovated so people in wheelchairs can easily access the building. The headquarters service counter also will be made accessible. But the historic area's small restrooms defied being altered without destroying their original character.

"So we are taking another building that is adjacent, a CCC building that was used to house a water tank," Gallagher says. That structure had the space to alter it without destroying its historic nature. "We are going to modify that tank and put restrooms inside there.'

The more than \$600,000 in improvements at Palo Duro Canyon are part of a long list of major Texas State Parks rejuvenation projects underway this year, all aimed at keeping the parks fun, safe and customer friendly. Texas State Parks general obligation bonds have been sold to fund more than \$44 million in repairs and renovations to park cabins, bathrooms, electrical and water systems, and other state park infrastructure. In addition to fixing up more than 40 state parks, the bonds provide \$25 million to dry berth the Battleship Texas.

Another ADA restroom update will be done in Palo Duro Canyon's Chinaberry Day Use Area. The walls of that non-CCC structure will be moved outward several feet to provide adequate wheelchair turnaround room inside, and the doors will be widened.

Chinaberry also gets ADAcompliant pathways from the parking area to picnic pads and the restroom.

More upgrades will be made at the Sagebrush Camp Area, where three campsites will be brought up to ADA compliance.

"We are going to be doing some elevation work, some grading, adjusting the picnic pad to make sure it's the right size and allow easy access from the camper to the pad," Gallagher says. "And we will put an ADA walkway between those campsites to the restrooms."

Palo Duro Canyon is indisputably one of Texas' most spectacular state parks. It is often called the 'Grand Canyon of Texas," although the experience, for many guests, is more intimate than visiting the

national icon. The Grand Canyon is so vast, deep and challenging that most visitors see it only from the rim. A visit to Palo Duro Canvon State Park means driving — using a road originally built more than 70 years ago by the CCC - down the canyon wall and right into the heart of

the canyon. Ferris says it is the amazing contrast of the canyon with the surrounding landscape that most enthralls people. "You've driven across the Panhandle's flat farmland and ranch land. Then all of a sudden you've got the second largest canyon system in the United States.'

The park features numerous examples of CCC handicraft. The visitor's center, originally Coronado Lodge, was

one of the first structures. Others, Ferris says, include the Rim Cabins and the Cow Camp Cabins. The latter were built as open air shelters and later modified into cabins using the CCC design. The CCC boys also constructed a number of the park's bridges and picnic areas.

The almost 30,000-acre park also boasts great geologic and military history. It took 250 million years of water erosion to carve out the 120-mile long, 800 feet-deep canyon (not all in the park). That story is revealed by the layers of rock exposed as the canyon deepened. The presence of iron causes the distinctive rust red of the Quartermaster formation, the lowest and oldest layer seen in most areas of the park.

One wonders if all this beauty was appreciated by the combatants - soldiers and Indians - in the month-long Red River Wars of 1874, which essentially ended the lifestyle of Plains Indians. The final battle of that war took place in and around the canyon, climaxing with the capture and destruction of the food and horses of the remaining Native American resistance.

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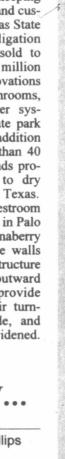
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a plus-sized woman who finds it difficult to squeeze into a tiny restroom stall. I frequently use the stall for people with disabilities because it's larger.

A few years ago, when I was traveling with my mother, we made a pit stop and, as usual, I headed for the large stall. Mom was horrified. She said the large stalls should be treated the same as parking places for people with disabilities and used only by those who are disabled.

I told her I disagreed, thinking that a few moments in the potty is different from a few hours in a parking space. Was my mother right? Her voice still rings in my ears every time I step into the larger stall. I'd appreciate your input. Maybe it'll silence my mother's voice.

JENNIFER IN MAINE DEAR JENNIFER: Because you have difficulty fitting into a regular stall, I see nothing wrong with using the larger one. If a woman in a wheelchair entered the bathroom at the same time as you, then good manners would dictate that you defer to her because she'd be unable to use a smaller one. However, there's no reason for the stall to be kept empty at all times, so stop being so hard on yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two children, a 3-year-old and a 1-year-old. He has been deployed since June. We talk frequently on the phone, and I have been managing well since his deployment.

My problem is, I'm afraid I have managed too well. I am terrified that when he gets back we will have grown apart. I am so used to doing things on my own now that I'm not sure I will be able to go back to our "normal" routine of his helping me with the kids.

Abby, what are your thoughts? We love each other very much and had a wonderful relationship before he deployed, but I don't know how well you can gauge a relationship over the phone and via e-mail. — ARMY WIFE IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR ARMY WIFE: The feelings you're having are not unusual for spouses whose partners are in the military. The repeated separations are painful and wrenching for all the family members involved. I have a deep respect for the spouses of military personnel who must adapt to long separations and the reunions that follow.

Of course there will be a period of adjustment when your husband returns. It will take understanding and compromise on the part of both of you. If you love each other, you will work it out $-\beta \sum$ with counseling if necessary. And should you hit a rough patch, please don't hesitate to reach out for it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband lost his son a few years back. His death was sudden and unexpected. We had no children of our own, but I had a wonderful relationship with my step-

When people ask if I have children, I'm never quite sure how to respond. On the one hand, I don't want to make anyone uncomfortable by telling them my stepson is deceased, but I also don't feel right not acknowledging him. Any advice on how to handle this kind of question? — STEPMOM IN OTTAWA, ONTARIO,

CANADA DEAR STEPMOM: I'm sorry for the loss of your stepson. When you are asked, my advice is to be honest. Say, "I had a stepson with whom I was very close, but he passed away a few years ago."



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Harvester softball continues roll, advances with win

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On a Friday night that was filled with beautiful weather, bugs, nervous parents and exciting playoff softball action, Shanna Keown drives in two runs in the top of the sixth, Carlyn Teichmann strikes out 10 as the Pampa Lady Harvesters defeated the Abilene Cooper Lady Cougars 3-1 in game one of their bi-district series.

Keown said she just hit the pitch as hard as she could to

drive in the winning runs.

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"For me, I can't take big hacks because I'll whiff it," Keown said. "I've always been that way so that's out of the question for me to swing for the fence. So I figured like Coach Gill always says take your pinkie to the ball and go with the flow."

Head coach Bobbi Gill said the playoffs is when teams need to bring their 'A' game and she was proud of her

"You're going to have to play to win there's no gimmes," Gill said. "I was proud of the girls for scrapping this one out. We're going to have to come out tomorrow and scrap another one out.'

The first inning set the tone for the game, as it would be a pitcher's duel throughout. Claire Hopkins led off the game with a bunt single. Ashley Facio advanced her to second on a sacrifice bunt. Hopkins stole third but that's where she stayed as Shelbie Watson and Carlyn Teichmann struck out.

The Lady Cougars only reached base with their lead-off batter, Devin McCorry getting hit by a pitch. McCorry advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt, but Teichmann struck out the final two batters of the inning.

In the second and third innings, Teichmann and Abilene Cooper's starter Sierra Sudberry didn't allow much. Pampa only reached base twice in those two innings on two walks. The Lady Cougars didn't have any base runners as Teichmann retired nine straight.

In the top of the fourth, Teichmann led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Samantha Pearson. But Bailey Beck and Jordan Mayhew struck out to end the inning.

Abilene Cooper broke into the hit and run column in the bottom of the fourth. Jennah Hernandez led off with a single. After the next two batters struck out, Samantha Meissner singled just beating a Shelbie Watson throw to first. Olivia Delagarza hit a fly ball to left that scored Herenandez and put Abilene up 1-0, increasing the nerves of the Lady Harvester parents. Teichmann got Allison McDonald to ground out to short to end the inning.

Pampa responded in the fifth and even things up. After Brooklyn Barker grounded out, Keown walked. McKinlee Stokes pinched ran and stole second sliding in safely. Claire Hopkins singled to advance Stokes to third. After Facio struck out, Watson singled and scored Stokes to tie the game at one.

Pampa didn't get off to a good start defensively in the



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Jordan Mayhew takes second on a wild pitch in the top of the second in the Lady Harvesters' bi-district game against Abilene Cooper Friday.

bottom of the fifth, as Watson overthrew Facio and allowed Selena Carona to reach second base. Carona advanced to third on a ground out but she was stranded there as Watson caught a pop up to end the inning.

In the top of the sixth, Pampa scored the runs they needed to win the game. Madi Shults pinched hit for Bailey Beck and drew a one-out walk. With two outs, Barker reached on an error by the centerfielder who dropped the ball. Emilie Troxell ran for Barker. Keown hit a 0-1 pitch over the centerfielder and drove in Beck who came back and ran for Shults, and Troxell to put Pampa ahead 3-1.

Teichmann only allowed a single in the bottom of the sixth and got two of the three outs by strikeouts. Keown said they do well as a team when they remain calm in adverse situations.

"Our whole team realizes that if we get to excited, we lose focus on the game," Keown said. "So, our team as a family pulls everything together and stays level headed, and pulls things out that are good by keeping calm."

Gill said being down by a run was no big deal for her team.

"We've played from behind this season a few different times," Gill said. "It's nothing new for us. I don't think one run makes us feel down. Six runs hasn't made us feel down.

Watson reached base on a walk in the top of the seventh but she would be the only one to reach base.

In the bottom of the seventh, McDonald flied to Hopkins for the first out of the inning. Teichmann struck out Carona on six pitches for the second out. Pampa was one strike away from ending the game, but Vanessa Carranza reached on a blooper in the infield. McCorry would fly out to Keown to end the game.

Earning the win, Teichmann allowed one run on five hits, hit one batter and struck out nine. Keown led the Lady Harvesters in hitting, with one hit and drove in two.

Pampa (22-9-1, 11-1) plays game 2, 12 p.m. today. A victory would send the Lady Harvesters to the area round against either El Paso Jefferson or El Paso Parkland. If Game Three is necessary, it will be 30 minutes after Game

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Quick Summary

Pampa 3, Abilene Cooper 1

WP - Carlyn Teichmann LP - Sierra Sudberry

It was over when: Shanna Keown caught a fly ball to end the game.

Game ball goes to: Shanna Keown of Pampa. The junior outfielder hit a two-RBI single in the top of the sixth to give Pampa a 3-1 lead. Keown also was a factor defensively as she ended the game with a fly out.

Stat of the game: 17-10. The number of combined strikeouts by both teams to the number of combined hits. Carlyn Teichmann struck out 9 batters and allowed five hits. Cooper's starter Sierra Sudberry struck out eight batters and gave up five hits. Stat Shot: RBIs - Watson 1, Keown 2; Stolen bases - Hopkins 2



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The Lady Harvesters' Claire Hopkins (left) calls for a fly ball during the top of the seventh. Hopkins made the catch for the first out of the inning.

My day in Abilene: A running diary

Yesterday, I had the pleasure and opportunity to travel to cover the Pampa Lady Harvesters softball playoff series against Abilene Cooper in Abilene. My anticipation for Friday and Saturday's games was the same I had on November 1, 2008 when my Red Raiders beat top ranked Texas in football. So here is a look at the events before, during and after game one. A second column will be in Monday's paper describing Saturday's events.

2:30 p.m. I leave Pampa riding with the Teichmanns to Abilene 3:10 p.m. We stop in Clarendon. I buy a Coke to drink on the road. 5:00 p.m. The first mile sign with the distance to Abilene is spotted

and we were 95 miles away and four hours away from the first pitch. 6:00 p.m. We are 40 miles away from Abilene and the nerves start heating up for Shelly Teichmann, as we are three hours from



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6:30 p.m. We arrive at the hotel. After I had to have my publisher convince the front desk I had a reservation, I was checked in. 6:45 p.m. I arrive at my suite and set my stuff done. I immediately call down to the front

desk for a \$300 Swedish massage (just joking — I just thought I would throw my publisher Randy a curveball). I put on Toby Mac's song "Boomin" to get myself psyched for the

7:22 p.m. The Teichmanns and I eat dinner at Dairy Queen. The nerves are setting in even more for Mrs. Teichmann, as she couldn't eat.

7:30 p.m. We arrive at the field and the Lady Harvesters are doing early warm-ups for

7:45 p.m. I donned my new Lady Harvesters district champions shirt. The new attire is something that senior first baseman and pitcher Ashley Facio digs.

8:00 p.m. Only one hour until the first pitch, and the game between Tacoma and Plains is in the bottom of the fourth.

8:16 p.m. The first game is over, and the Lady Harvesters are getting ready to take the field for warm ups.

8:40 p.m. The umpires from the San Angelo chapter arrive at the game. I already have my camera around my neck, and I'm set to go.

8:42 p.m. The Lady Harvesters huddle up and Samantha Pearson gives some last words

before they take the field. The team engages in a prayer.

8:53 p.m. The starting lineups for Pampa and Abilene Cooper are introduced. The anticipation has risen to a new level.

8:56 p.m. The national anthem is played and the first pitch is minutes away

9:21 p.m. A large bug joins the Pampa spectators along the third base line and creates a stir amongst the players' moms. 9:34 p.m. Claire Hopkins' first inning single remains the only hit of the ball game to this

point. Both teams haven't gotten on the scoreboard yet. Not putting the Lady Harvester faithful at ease. Heck, I'm even having trouble breathing because it's such a tight game.

9:54 p.m. The Lady Cougars heighten the Pampa spectators' nerves as they score on a two-out single to take a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

10:05 p.m. Moms of the Lady Harvesters are able to breathe a little easier after the top of the fifth. McKinlee Stokes tied the game on a single by Shelbie Watson with two outs.

10:15 p.m. With a runner on third, Carlyn Teichmann got Abilene's Jennah Hernandez to pop out to Bailey Beck to keep the game tied at one going into the top of the sixth.

10:26 p.m. Shanna Keown hits a two-out, two-RBI single to center. Beck and Emilie Troxell scored to make it a 3-1 game in favor of the Lady Harvesters.

10:34 p.m. Carlyn Teichmann gets Olivia Delagarza to ground out to third to end the sixth. Abilene Cooper only got one base hit and the runner didn't move past first base.

10:42 p.m. After batting in the top of the seventh, the Lady Harvesters go on defense needing three outs to secure a victory in game one.

10:55 p.m. After Carlyn Teichmann was one strike away from ending the game, The Lady Cougars take advantage of some confusion amongst the Lady Harvesters and get on with a pop up that no one caught. The pitcher's mom can't stand to watch.

11:00 p.m. Shanna Keown hangs on to a fly ball and ends the game with Pampa winning 3-1. To use a song title from my favorite band, Mercy Me, the Lady Harvester faithful are "Coming up to Breathe" as the Lady Harvesters seek to close out the series at noon on Saturday.

Note that I started writing this column at 2:30 a.m. and I finished it one hour later. Got to go to bed, because I get to do this all again tomorrow.

Sports

PHS baseball team ends tough season with 13-1 loss

BRAD RABURN Special to The Pampa News

The Pampa Harvesters ended a tough season with their heads held high as they faced off against the Canyon Eagles on Friday at Conner Park.

The loss came after Pampa allowed seven runs in bottom of the third, which led to the 13-1 victory.

"It's always tough playing a team like Canyon on the road, on Senior Day, when they are playing for the district championship and your playing for nothing but pride," said Pampa head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes.

The Harvesters came out with hits in the first three innings, but could not get the ball past Canyon defenders.

The Eagles answered back in each inning, getting their bats a little more under the ball and rounding the bases. Canyon earned five runs in the first two innings and came out in the third to for their seven runs off of six hits.

Junior Garret Ericson battled from the mound up to this point, when the freshman reliever was called in to close out the inning.

Pampa found some production in the fourth with Anthony Allen taking the base off of a beam. He stole a base off of a loose ball and Mitchell Killgo connected for a single. Canyon reacted to Allen rounding the bases and tagged him out at home plate.

Killgo made good on his single as Braden Hunt earned the team's single RBI.

Canyon was held to one run in the fourth by the Harvester defense which marked their final at bat of the game.

The loss places Pampa at 7-19 overall, while Canyon moves to 24-3.

"Canyon's very good," Snelgrooes said. They hit the ball and if you give them extra pitches then it's three runs every single time. We are a very young team. We were baptized by fire this year, so next year we will be loaded.

"Makes you feel good about next year."

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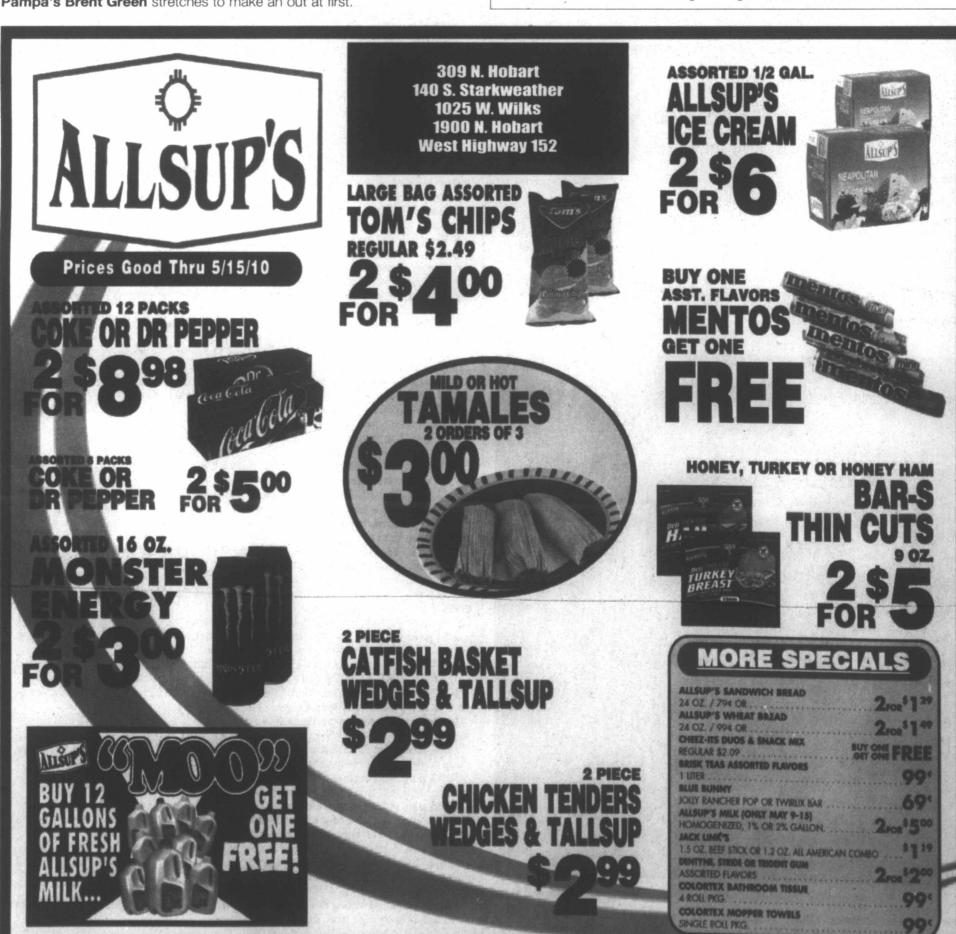
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Garret Ericson, starting pitcher for Pampa Harvesters, delivers a pitch against Canyon.

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This year, you open new doors and try out different styles. Often, you don't feel comfortable in new situations, but just the same, you cruise right through. Knowing how to let go and accept that certain matters are out of your control could be instrumental to your well-being. Some of you will become involved in education or travel. If you are single, a foreigner could play a role in your life. Be willing to open up to different concepts. If you are attached, the two of you gain a new perspective about your bond, your lives and those around you. CAPRI-CORN can be stern

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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*** Options might surround you, and you have no choice but to take charge. Your creativity could push you to go in one direction, while your good sense tells you something else. Avoid getting caught up in this issue. Tonight:

Just go, do and be.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** If you feel uncomfortable with

someone's self-expression, detach. You might not be able to change this person, but you can step back and control your reaction. A new perspective could make quite a difference. Tonight: Put on a favorite song

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Deal with one other person directly. You could feel overwhelmed by a partner. Someone could be pushing you too hard for your taste. Choose your

words with care, as you easily could

Daily Horscope make someone uncomfortable. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Defer to others who seem to be more vested than you in getting to the bottom of a situation. Don't interfere with their process. Use care with your finances. You could be up for a big splurge. Keep your receipts! Tonight: Find a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You are out of sorts with others. or so it seems. Know that many people could be backing off, as they might not be comfortable around you. Focus on work and accomplishment. A friend really cares! Tonight: Play it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Your mischievous personality continues to emerge, and defines the next few days. Someone might revamp his or her plans in order to be with you. A comment easily could trigger some sore feelings. Note what you feel, and deal with these issues later. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Keep reaching for the unusual answer or the different path. Your ability to see a situation or person with caring eyes could be quite unique considering the personality of the person. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Others tap into your opinions. They want to know more and understand what is motivating you. Be open in a discussion. Finally, a key associate or partner lets you know how very much he or she cares. Tonight: Visit with a friend or two. Catch up on the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Be careful with a tendency to be wonder what your limits should be. You could accomplish a lot more if you focus on strange news. Get to the bottom of a misrepresentation. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** The Moon in your sign highlights you, but doesn't always make you the star you might like to be. Knowing your limits, especially within a key partnership, could be instrumental. Realize that this person demonstrates his or her thoughts and feelings very differently from you. Tonight: Beam in what you

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Know when to kick back and let others fidget with the details. Not everything is as easy as you might like. Note your thoughts, but don't decide that you are absolutely right. Understand how different each person is. Tonight: Vanish quickly. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Emphasize others, and get feedback from many different sources. Meetings could prove to be more important than you think. Use care when rushing around, as you might be a lot more accident-prone than you realize. Tonight: In the middle of the action

BORN TODAY Grammy-winning singer Christopher Cross (1951), boxer Sugar Ray Robinson (1921), former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir (1898)

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lavish or to go overboard. You might Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 2,

2010: This year, foreigners or different people could play an unusual role. Some of you will become armchair travelers. You are opening up to other belief systems and sometimes strange ideas. If you are single, try to go for someone who isn't your type, as your type hasn't worked for you in the past. At least try it. If you are attached, plan that special, dreamedabout vacation. CAPRICORN has unique ideas. Listen.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** Your thoughts float to a transforming authority figure or boss. Understand that you also need to adapt. A discussion with a trusted friend helps clarify your thoughts. Tonight: A new beginning becomes obvious.

This Week: Try to maintain a high profile. Recognize that you and others might need a change midweek.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Making decisions is far easier when you get a sense of the lay of the land. Discuss options with a respected friend who is more than happy to brainstorm. Blaze a new trail. Tonight: Feed your mind; choose a favorite mental pur-

This Week: Examine alternatives until you are absolutely sure, then act. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** What you thought was certain no longer is, leaving a blank. You must reassess a decision accordingly. An important discussion allows many options. Adjust. Don't be a stick in the mud. Proceed with optimism. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

This Week: A key person could color events and your perspective. Try to detach. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Others dominate. Their behavior

frees up your time. Call a friend and get

together. The two of you love the noise of the crowd around you. Your instinctsare right-on about a close loved one. Tonight: Do go out. Listen to options, then decide.

This Week: Others want what they want. Let them have just that! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** An even pace makes for a relaxing day. Sneak in a snooze or some personal time. Recharge your batteries. Do what is best for you, yet try to squeeze in extra time with a child or loved one. It will be most appreciated and, in the long run, easier. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This Week: Dig right in Monday. You might get into Cinco de Mayo midweek and decide not to work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Let your imagination come out, whether you are playing with a child or simply having a good time with a loved one. This dimension of your personality delights and surprises many. Think positively about someone who has been difficult lately. Tonight: Pretend the weekend is just beginning.

This Week: You might never settle into your groove. At least do what you must. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Others appreciate all that you do; they also respect that you need some time and space. Be careful about getting started on a "small" renovation project. It could go on and on. Instead, rent a movie. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Stay close to home and loved ones. If you want, take a personal day or

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** A conversation or event revital-

izes your perspective. Your willingness to take in new information separates you from many. Don't feel you have to do anything a certain way. Tonight: Just ask. This Week: Keep conversations moving Listen to all sides. You will have a lot to mull over. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Whether paying bills or picking

up the tab for brunch, you easily could

make an error. Count your change.

spot to relax. Some of you might opt for a museum, while many could be happy at a ballgame! Tonight: Get organized for tomorrow! This Week: Curb overindulgence right

Check your figures. Stop at a favorite

now. Self-discipline goes a long way. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Others are noticing a new you,

though you might scarcely be aware that you are changing. Note perhaps a strange look or a different reaction. Remain sensitive to a child or loved one. Know that you don't always have the final word as to the outcome of a situation. Tonight: Extend a dinner invitation.

This Week: Beam into the week, a force to behold. Know how much you have to AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Streamline your plans in order to take some much-needed downtime or thinking time. You have been brooding about an issue. Perhaps a discussion with a dear friend could open up your mind. There is a solution or a point of resolution. Tonight: Vanish. Screen your calls. This Week: You might not feel great until

late Tuesday. Then you are on a roll.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Friends surround you. Should you find yourself alone or with no plans, you could become upset, even if it is your choice. Zero in on what you want and make it happen. Invite a friend to join you for an early dinner. Face facts: Right now you need company and crowds! Tonight: Where the action is. This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday to

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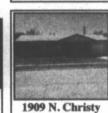
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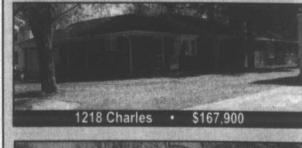
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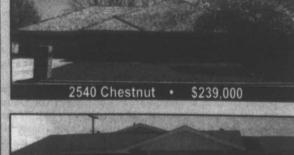
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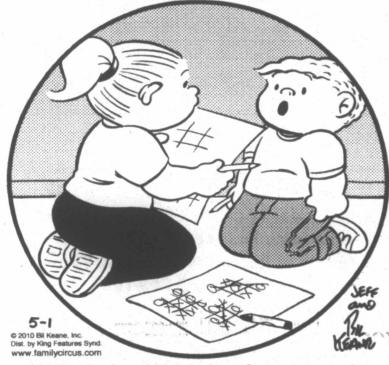
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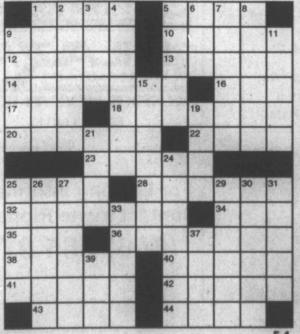
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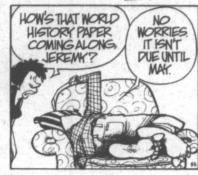








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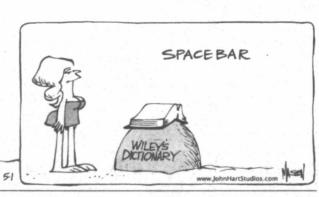






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GDP rise not enough to make dent in jobless rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The numbers would be excellent in normal times, but for a country recovering from deep recession, they're not enough.

Spending by consumers rose by the fastest pace in three years, helping the economy grow at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in the first quarter of the year, the Commerce Department said Friday. It marked the third straight quarterly gain as the nation heals from the longest and deepest recession since the 1930s.

That has not been enough, however, to ignite a recovery capable of driving down the jobless rate, which has been stuck at 9.7 percent since January and is not expected to dip significantly for months.

"The recovery is slowly gaining traction, but it's not growing fast enough now to bring down unemployment and let ordinary Americans feel like they are finally off and running," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Economists say it takes about 3 percent growth in gross domestic product to create enough jobs just to keep up with population growth. Growth would have to be about 5 percent for a full year just to drive the unemployment rate down by 1 percentage point.

After the last severe recession in the early 1980s, GDP grew at an annual rate of 7 percent to 9 percent for five straight quarters, and the unemployment rate plunged from 10.8 percent to 7.2 percent in 18 months.

Economists don't see anything like that happening this year or the next. In fact, growth in the first quarter was weaker than in the fourth quarter of last year, when the economy grew at a 5.6 percent rate.

Facing the prospect of 9 percent unemployment leading into the November congressional elections, President Barack Obama called the GDP report an "important milepost on the road to recovery" but acknowledged that the economy must create more jobs.

Consumers increased their spending at an annual rate of 3.6 percent in the first quarter. It was the strongest showing since early 2007 — before the Great Recession. And it marked a big improvement from the fourth quarter, when spending grew at a lackluster 1.6 percent pace.

Americans spent more on home furnishings and household appliances, recreational goods and vehicles and clothing. They also spent more at bars and restaurants.

Analysts, however, say consumers will be wary of stepping up spending much further. The high unemployment rate, sluggish wage growth and a reluctance or inability to

borrow probably will limit spending, they

Another report Friday highlighted one of those headwinds: low wage gains for workers. Wages and salaries rose just 0.4 percent, after a 0.5 percent gain in the fourth quarter of last year.

Just 21 percent of Americans consider the economy to be in good condition, according to an Associated Press-GfK Poll conducted April 7-12.

Robert Harris, a 33-year-old father of four in Utah, said he's spending only marginally more these days. He just bought a new cell phone and is throwing a few more items in the grocery cart. He's spending a tad more on birthday gifts.

Still, he isn't willing to go on any shopping sprees, even though he and his wife have secure jobs in an art department at a marketing company.

What would it take for consumers to boost their spending much higher and help catapult economic growth?

Analysts say employers would need more confidence that sales will rise enough for them to ramp up hiring and raise workers' pay. Shoppers need to be able and willing to borrow more. And Americans need to rebuild more of their household wealth, especially equity lost from home values that tanked during the recession.

Few people expect any of those things to happen quickly. Many economists think it will take until at least the middle of the decade to lower the unemployment rate to a more normal 5.5 percent to 6 percent range.

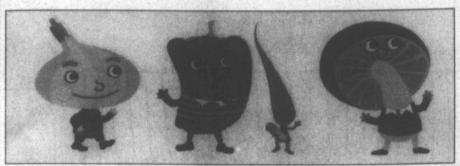
"How will consumers behave in terms of spending in the coming months? On a scale of one to 10, I'd put it at a four," said Richard DeKaser, president of Woodley Park Research.

DeKaser and others predict increases in consumer spending will slow to a rate of around 3 percent in the second and third quarters. That's respectable. But it falls far short of how much consumers spent coming out of the deep recession of 1981-82.

The first quarter's reading on GDP was a tad shy of the 3.4 percent growth rate economists were forecasting. GDP measures the value of all goods and services ,Äî from machinery to manicures ,Äî produced within the United States. It is the best gauge of the nation's economic health.

Companies helped boost GDP by restocking inventories shrunken during the recession. Their first-quarter spending on equipment and software rose at a brisk 13.4 percent pace, after an even bigger 19 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter of 2009

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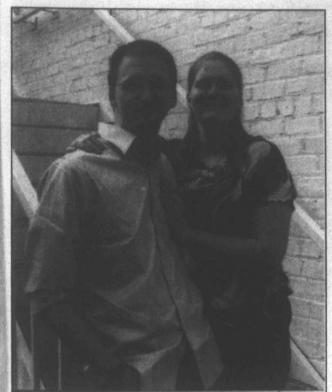
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Clifford Henthorn and Leandra Lister

Henthorn, Lister to wed May 15

of Kelton are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Leandra Kate Lister to Clifford Anson Henthorn, son of Dean and Tammy Henthorn of Pampa. Maternal grandparents of the bride are Alice Lister of Kelton and the late Vaughn Lister of Kelton and the late Judie Chadwell of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Mary Orr Griffin of Canyon and JB and Maud Minyard of Pam-

Leandra is a 2004 graduate of Shamrock High

Larry and Melissa Lister School and a 2008 graduate of Amarillo College, where she received an Assoiciate's degree in Nursing. She

> Nurse at BSA Hospital. Anson is a 2002 graduate of Pampa High School and a 2006 graduate of WTAMU, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He is currently a Systems Analyst at WTAMU.

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The wedding date is May 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church, Amarillo on 34th street. The couple will reside in Canyon, Texas.

Meals on Wheels menu

The following is the Pampa Meals on Wheels menu for the coming week:

Monday, May 3 Chicken Spaghetti Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Tuesday, May 4 Sausage/ Rice Casserole Green Beans/ Tomatoes Pears Cornbread Salad Wednesday, May 5 Oven-Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Jello Thursday, May 6 Swedish Meatballs Over Noodles Lima Beans Carrots

Applesauce Friday, May 7 Ham/ Dressing/ Gravy Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Cranberry Salad



LWML hosts banquet

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The Lutheran Women's Missionary League hosted its annual Mother-Daughter-Friends Banquet recently. The event began in 1972 at Zion Lutheran Church and has continued uninterrupted through the years. The dinner and the evening's entertainment was planned by Nelda Dickman and her daughters, Annette Dickman and Audra Courter. The meal was served by the men of the congregation. Enjoying the evening are (from left) Jana Ashling, Martha Tiedt, Ardyth Atkins, and Linda Holt.

West of 50' meeting set at Assembly of God

Pampa's First Assembly of God is offering a series of meetings designed for "people west of 50" who enjoy old time singing and preaching.

The first meeting will be a concert on Sunday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at the church (500 South Tyler Street). It will feature Jack Stone, a singer/songwriter.

Meetings continue at 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with singing and preaching.

D.C. (Doug) DuBose will be preaching Monday. Jack Stone will be singing in all the meetings. Gaither -type singing and hymns will be featured in all the meetings, which will conclude at noon and will be followed by a meal and fellowship in the church annex.

The community is invited to attend and there is no admission charge, although a free-will offering will be received.

Officers elected at April 12 Preceptor Theta Iota meeting

Preceptor Theta Iota met April 12 at Dixie Café with President Pat Kindle presiding.

Nancy Brogdin, recording secretary, called roll and read minutes of previous meeting. Jamie Hubbard, treasurer, gave a report and a communication from the international organization was read. Committee reports were given. Scholarship applications were read and voted on. Tralee Crisis Center packs are due April 26.

After much discussion the following officers were elected for 2010-2011: Brogdin

 Nancy President

•Nita Hill - Vice President •Barbara Benyshek Recording Secretary

•Pat Kindle - Treasurer Carolyn Smith Corresponding Secretary The hostess for the meet-

ing was Janice Hubbard. The next meeting will be held at at 7:30 p.m. at the Nancy Brogdin Residence - 405 Magnolia.

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New officers at Pampa Moose Lodge



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The Pampa Moose Lodge installed new officers for the 2010-2011 year at its meeting on April 28. The new officers include: (front row, from left) William Ma - Administrator; Barry Wilson - Sergeant-at-Arms; Jason Marlar - Treasurer; (second row, from left) Larry Ingram - 2nd year Trustee; Scott Stilley - Governor; Steve Osborn - Past Governor; Charlie Martin - Prelate; (back row, from left) Charles Robison - 3rd Year Trustee; and Bret Etheredge - Jr. Governor.

Senior Citizen menu

Pampa Senior Citizen Center menu for next week includes:

Monday, May 3 Chicken Fried Steak or Salmon Patties Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Beets Beans Cole Slaw

Tossed Salad Jello Salad German Chocolate Cake or Banana Pudding

or Cornbread Tuesday, May 4 Oven Baked Chicken or Swedish Meatballs with Noodles Sour Cream Potatoes **Baby Carrots** Peas Beans Cole Slaw Tossed Salad Jello Salad

Hot Roll

Strawberry Cake or Lemon Icebox Pie Hot Roll or Combread Wednesday, May 5 Roast Beef Brisket/

Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice Mashed Potatoes Fried Squash Spinach Beans Cole Slaw **Tossed Salad** Jello Salad Black Forest Cake or Cherry Cream Pie Hot Roll or Cornbread Thursday, May 6 Chicken Strips

or Pepper Steak/ Rice

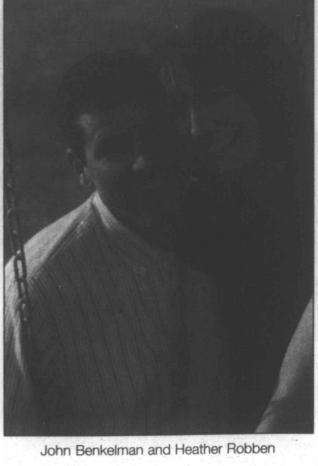
Gregory Smith

Steak Fries

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Benkelman-Robben to marry Nov. 6

John Hancock Benkelman, owns an optometric pracof Walker and Wakeeney, tice in Wakeeney and also Kansas plan to wed Satur- practices in Hays and Great day November 6, 2010 at Bend. St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria, Kansas.

daughter of Bill and Paula Kansas. He graduated from Robben of Pampa, Texas. She graduated from Pampa School in 1990 and earned High School in 1998 and a bachelor of science degree holds a bachelor of sci- in technology studies from ence degree in Biomedical Fort Hays State University. Science from Texas A&M For the past eleven years University and a doctor of he has owned and operated optometry from the Univer- Benkelman Remodeling. sity of Houston College of

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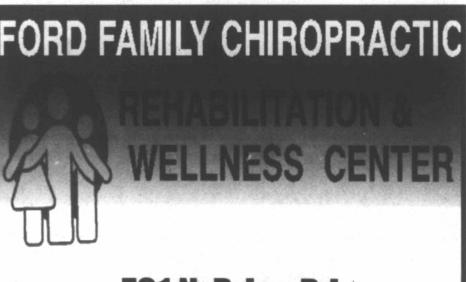
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Open House

staff photos by ReDonn Woods An open house was recently held to welcome Dr. Diane A. Evering-Simms, (right) a new obstetrician/gynecologist in the community. Above - Among those attending were (from left) Terry Barnes, Joe Weaver, Nancy Hollingwood, and Leslie Abbot.



Gordon Mote to perform tomorrow at Briarwood

Gordon Mote, pianist for the the year by the Academy of Gaither Vocal Band and honored musician who has recorded with many other prominent musicians, will join the Sunday Morning Celebration tomorrow morning at Briarwood Church in Pampa.

Mote has been called one of the most gifted singers, musicians, and song writers in America today. Many know him as the pianist for the Gaither Vocal Band, but his musical career goes far beyond that. He is one of the most sought after recording studio session players in Nashville. He has recorded with the likes of Martina McBride, Trace Adkins, Alan Jackson, Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, Rascal Flats, Alison Krauss, Josh Turner and Bob Seeger.

For six years in a row Gordon was nominated as Piano/Keyboard Player of Country Music, and won the award in 2009.

"Gordon Mote is one of the most talented people I have ever met. He just happened to be born blind," said Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor at Briarwood.

Mote began playing the piano when he was three years old. He later graduated with honors from Belmont University with a degree in music. Two days after graduation, he was hired as a keyboard player and background vocalist for Grammy Award winning recording artist, Lee Greenwood and his musical journey began. It has taken him literally around the world. He performs in excess of 100 concerts a year.

He shares the stage with legendary Gospel recording artist Bill Gaither and his multi-Grammy Award winning group, The Gaither Vocal Band.

The public is invited to the Sunday Morning Celebration, which begins as 10:45 a.m. at Briarwood Church, 1800 Harvester. For more information, call 806-665-7201.



'Balloon Campaign' under way at Wal-Mart

Amarillo - Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are holding their annual Children's Miracle Network Miracle Balloon Campaign.

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The 2010 Miracle Balloon Campaign will begin May 1st and run through June 19. All proceeds will benefit Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of local infants and children.

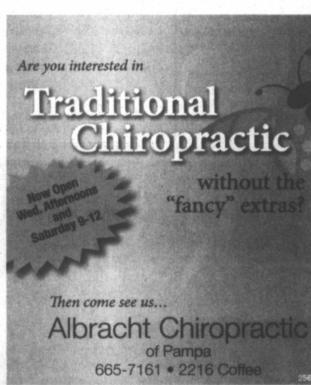
Wal-Mart and Sam's Club have been partnered with Children's Miracle Network since 1987 and during those years have raised more than \$500 million. Last year the Texas Panhandle and High Plains Region Wal-Marts and Sam's Club raised over \$70,000. These unrestricted funds have gone directly to vital services such as patient care, health education, and equipment...... all for the benefit of local children.

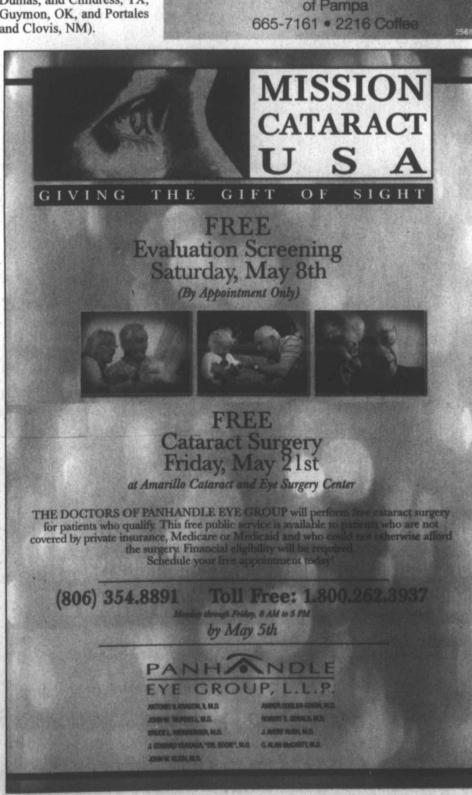
The Texas Panhandle and High Plains Region have 13 different Wal-Mart stores and one Sam's Club, (Amarillo, Borger, Hereford, Pampa, Canyon, Dumas, and Childress, TX, Guymon, OK, and Portales and Clovis, NM).

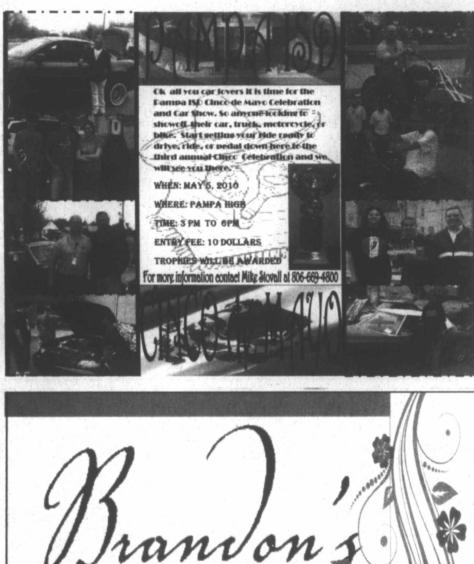
This year the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Miracle Balloon Campaign is continuing the green message. When customers are ready to check out they have the opportunity to buy a virtual Miracle balloon by donating \$1, \$2, For more \$5, or any amount from one cent to as much as they

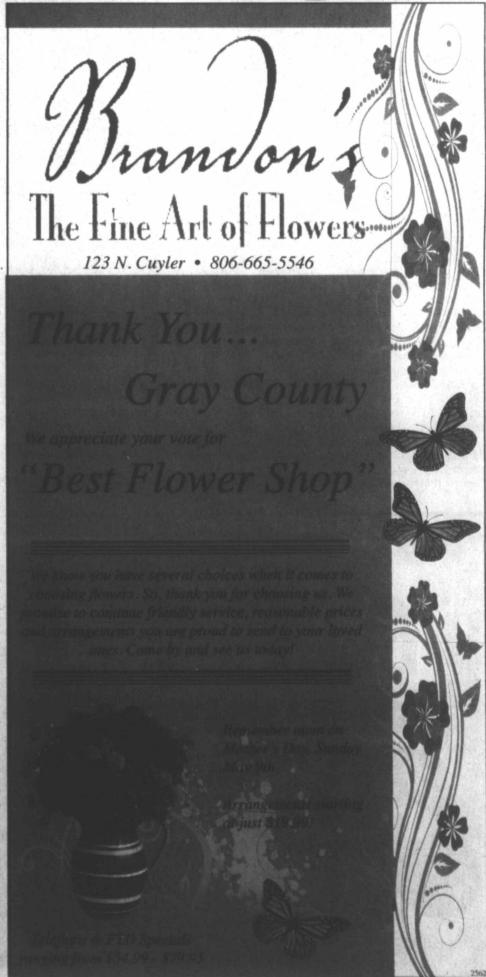
choose to give. "Wal-Mart truly wants to make a difference in our community by not only working to raise money for Children's Miracle Network but also by their support to volunteer at numerous events," said Kellie Tiner, Children's Network Coordinator.

information regarding Children's Miracle Network, please contact Kellie Tiner at (806)212-9168 or kellie. tiner@bsahs.org.









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Photo at left: Linda Johnson, Karin Sutherland and Marilyn Lee watch as Linda Shackelford works on a painting the annual exhibit of the Pampa annual Art Club, to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4-5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler. Next three photos, clockwise: Sarah Grim, Kay Crouch, and Norma Hinkle take a watercolor work shop April 9-11 with Son Birdsong in Dumas in preparation for the local exhibit. Among the artists displaying their work will be Billy Collinsworth, Dona Cornutt, Sarah Crim, Kay Crouch, Carol Dunham, Betty Fletcher, Madeline Gowthrop, Norma Hinkle, Linda Johnson, Pat Kindle, Marilyn Lee, Peggy Palmitier, Rue Park, Carol Peet Linda Shackelford, Karen Sutherland and Dee Gill. The public is invited to the event.

Twenty-three students honored for excellence

Clarendon College recognized outstanding students in academic areas recently at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium in Clarendon.

Twenty-three students were honored for being the top students in a variety of disciplines for the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Debra Kuhl, dean of instruction, led the ceremony and Clarendon College faculty members presented the awards and each spoke about why each student was chosen as the best in their discipline.

Those receiving awards

Agriculture - Clayton Gardner, Estancia, NM Drama - Whitney Dawne Goldston, White Deer, TX Interpersonal Speech -

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Equine - Courtney Ries, Kaufman, TX Cosmetology - Stefanie

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Altrusa meets at Senior Citizen Center

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa April 27 at Pampa Senior Center. Guests attending were Beth Bagwell, Karen Linder, and ASTRA members, Mercedes Cota and Robin

Mary McDaniel and Roxane Funderburk served as greeters.

The ASTRA members gave a report on the recent election of officers and activities planned.

The Accent was given by Tracy Bruce, who reported on the recent Altrusa District Conference. Bruce was one of 51 first time attendees at the conference.

Brenda Tucker conducted a new member initiation for Leslie Fisher, Marsha Royse and Linda Weaver.

the two AFS students at Pampa High School, Ruut Hanhikorpi from Finland and Simone Wyullschleger, Switzerland, who spoke about their countries.

Their host parent, Sharon Williams accompanied the students.

The following announcements were made:

·Winners of the new member contest were Julia Sparkman and Allison Watson.

•Scholarship Committee will meet immediately after meeting.

•Travis Reading party will be held May 4, 2010. Members were asked to

report at 8:15 a.m. Program Planning Meeting will be held May 4, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

 Joint Board meeting will be held May 4 at noon at First Bank Southwest.

•Add an Altrusan Day was set for May 13. Judy Warner introduced Time and place will be

announced later. •March for Meals on Wheels will be held May 14 at Recreation park 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be

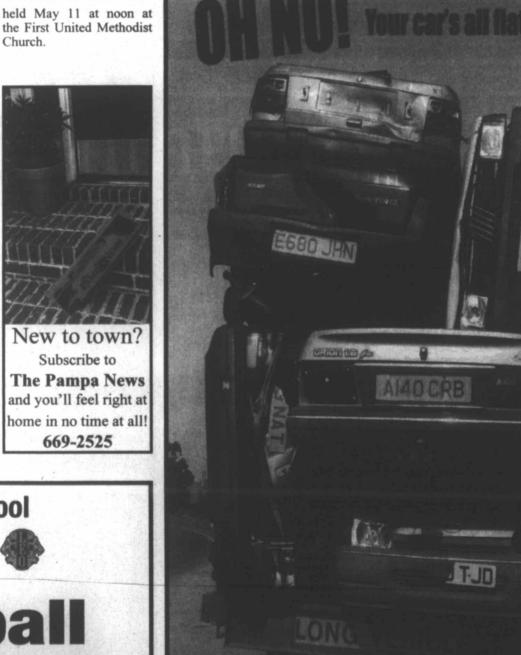
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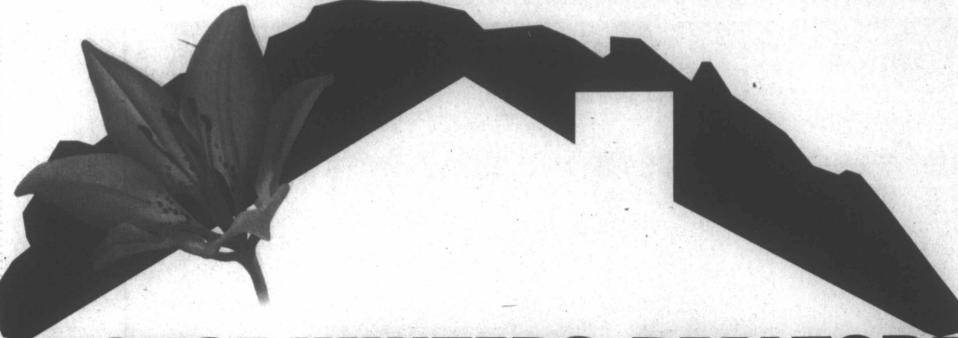
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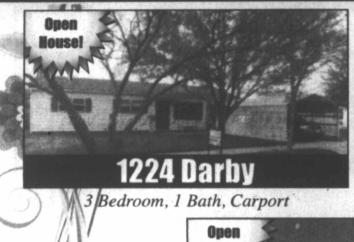
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