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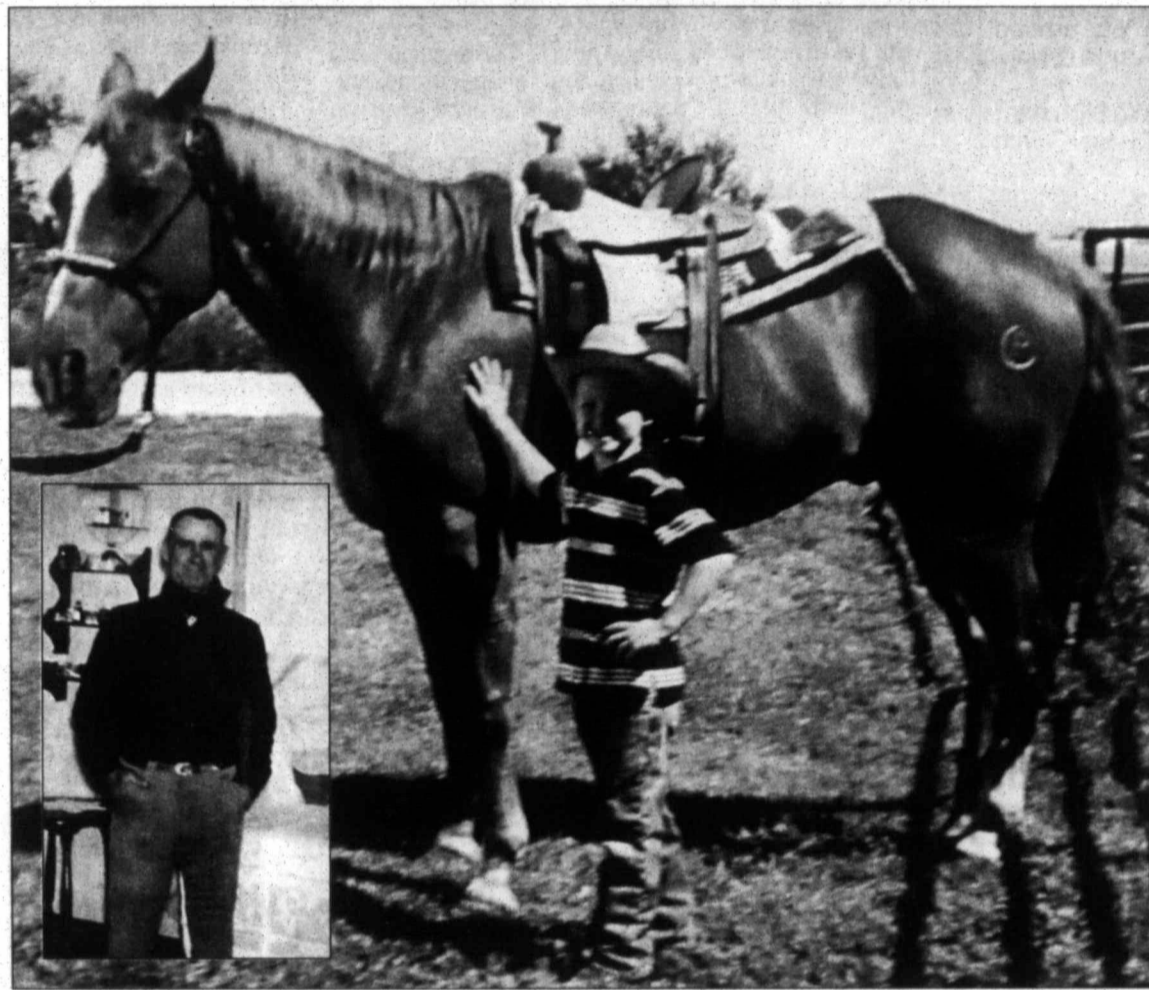
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A TRADITION CONTINUES



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Taylor Pritchett (with horse) will represent the sixth generation of his family to participate in the Top O' Texas Rodeo when he takes the arena at Sunday's Kid Pony Show. The first generation was the late Homer B. Taylor Sr. (inset), who was one of the original Top O' Texas Rodeo directors.

Family's sixth generation to take rodeo stage

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When Taylor and Abby Pritchett ride into the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena Sunday afternoon, they will be the newest additions to a family tradition that spans six generations.

At five and three years old respectively, Taylor and Abby will also be the youngest, but five generations of the family will be watching from their box seats in the stands, including Doris Taylor Walsh, the matriarch of the family.

The first generation was the late Homer B. Taylor Sr., a roper who was one of the original Top O' Texas Rodeo directors and founding fathers of the Kid Pony Show in 1947, said Christy Pritchett of the fourth generation. "He was a charter member," Christy Pritchett said.

Over the years, there have been 24 members of the family that have participated in the Top O' Texas Rodeo, she said.

They include Ida Ruth Taylor Price, one of Homer Taylor's daughters; Donna Walsh Stephens, one of Taylor's granddaughters and Christy Pritchett's mother; Christy Stephens Pritchett; Christy Pritchett's son Curtis, and, of course, Taylor Cash and Abby Grace Pritchett. "Taylor and Abby live in Joshua," said their proud grandmother.

Her son, Curtis Taylor Pritchett, lives in Joshua, near Fort Worth, where he runs a branch of the family business. "He grew up here and rodeoed here forever," Christy Pritchett said of Curtis.

The family includes Matt Reeves, who made it to the

National Rodeo Finals last year in Las Vegas, Nev., and is expected to return to the finals this December.

Taylor and Abby will be competing in the five and under division at the Kid Pony Show on Sunday.

"They're very excited," Christy Pritchett said.

RODEO cont. on page 5

Top O' Texas Rodeo Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show

When: Junior Rodeo 8 a.m. Saturday; Kid Pony Show 4 p.m. Sunday

Where: Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena

Who: Junior Rodeo for ages 8-18; Kid Pony Show for ages 7 and under

No one hurt, but fire destroys local mobile home

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Officials were sifting through the charred remains today of a mobile home after fire destroyed it Wednesday afternoon.

Dale Rasmusse, who lived in the mobile home at Lincoln and Dwight, told fire officials that there had been issues with the electrical system breakers prior to the fire.

According to Rasmusse, he became aware that the mobile home's breakers had kicked off. He had walked into the area of the home where they were located and felt heat from the fire about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Rasmusse said he ran to a neighbor's house and called

firefighters.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said firefighters reported smoke and flames pouring from the mobile home when they arrived on the scene.

"It was fully engulfed," she said of the mobile home.

Three fire units battled the blaze. Pampa police directed traffic and Pampa EMS was on standby.

Animal control officers had to be called to remove two pit bulls in the fenced yard of the mobile home.

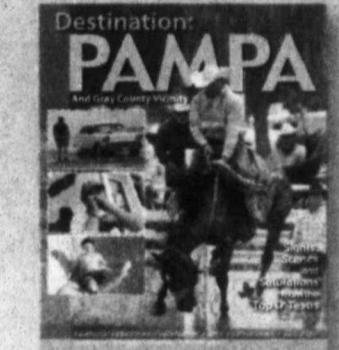
Powell said no one was injured by the blaze, although the mobile home was described as "completely destroyed."

The mobile home was owned by Keith Robinson.



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A Wednesday fire devastated this mobile home at Lincoln and Dwight.



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RC&D urges nonprofits to check status

ARNIE AURELLANO
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The IRS is reaching out to small nonprofit organizations in danger of losing their tax-exempt status, and John Crowell of the local Resource Conservation and Development Office is trying to help convey the message.

"This is very important for a lot of organizations around Pampa," said Crowell, the coordinator of the North Rolling Plains RC&D Office. "There are quite a few local nonprofit groups that this affects."

Normally, tax-exempt organizations, including nonprofits, that fail to satisfy annual filing requirements for three consecutive years automatically lose their tax-exempt status. This year, however, small exempt groups can take advantage of a one-time relief program to preserve that status if they file the proper forms by Oct. 15.

"What happened was the IRS changed the rules (regarding filing for tax-exempt status) two or three years ago," Crowell explained. "Before, smaller organizations — say, ones that made less than \$25,000, didn't have to file, but now they do. So now, if they don't file through this program, they could lose the status."

The program, announced on July 26, only applies to groups that are eligible to file Forms EXEMPT cont. on page 3

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Obituaries

James "Jim" Holcomb, 86

James "Jim" Holcomb, 86, died August 4, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Holcomb was born January 11, 1924 in Campbell. He married Dorothy Dusapin on February 27, 1953 in Billings, Mont. She preceded him in death on July 23, 2000. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during World War II with the Corps of Engineers in the Philippines. Jim moved to Pampa in 1961 and worked for Thurmond-McGlothlin until 1969. That same year, he formed Pantechs



Holcomb

Laboratories which he operated for many years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Jim enjoyed gardening, working in the yard, and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Steve Holcomb of Lubbock; two daughters, Marci Kissock and husband Brian of San Diego, Calif., and Lynne Moore and husband Cody of Pampa; three grandsons, Ryan Holcomb of Midland, and David Moore and Jordan Moore, both of Pampa; a granddaughter, Stephanie Stanford of Lubbock; a great-granddaughter, Alexandra Holcomb of Midland; two great-grandsons, Austin Holcomb of Midland and Graham Stanford of Lubbock; a brother, Kenneth Holcomb and wife Irene of Trinity. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065, or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

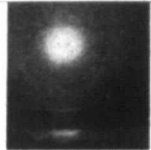
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Friday



High 92
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Saturday



High 98
Low 71

Sunday



High 96
Low 70

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Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said there were 21 traffic-related incidents and three accidents. Animal control reported 14 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Tuesday, Aug. 3

A theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee. Officers attempted to

serve papers in the 100 block of Hughes and in the 1200 block of South Christy.

Disorder conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of West Brown.

Fraud was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Somerville and Sumner.

An assault was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 500 block of North Magnolia.

Harassment was reported in the 1900 block of West Alcock.

Officers assisted another agency at McCullough and Tignor.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

Officer performed a welfare check in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Found property was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

City officials turned off the water in the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Terry.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

An open door was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Dogwood and 25th.

Another burglary was

reported in the 400 block of Wynne.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East Sunset.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Aug. 3

Jennifer Marie Brown, 26, of Odessa, was arrested by deputies on charges of forgery and possession of a controlled substance.

Clyde David Whitten, 52, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Dondi Ray Bumpers, 53; Steven Jujan Taylor, 23; Brandon Rashad Gunter, 26; and Kamau Jahi Williams, 32, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

Gage Dane Zeek, 19, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies on a warrant charging him with assault causing bodily injury and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

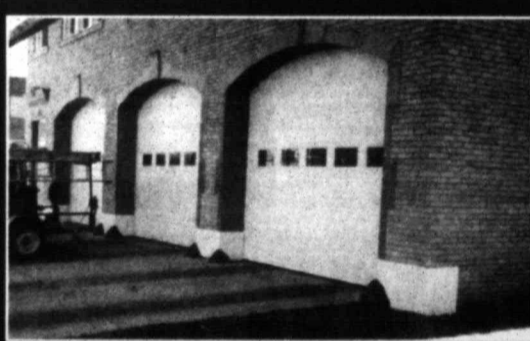
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T. Boone, Kaiser promise donations

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma-born billionaires T. Boone Pickens and George B. Kaiser are joining a project in which they promise to donate large sums of their wealth.

They're among 40 wealthy families who have signed The Giving Pledge started by Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates. Those signing promise to donate a majority of their wealth to philanthropic and charitable causes.

Pickens is a Holdenville native and now a Texas oilman. He graduated from Oklahoma State and is a longtime donor to OSU and to educational, medical, youth, entrepreneurial and wildlife projects.

Kaiser is chairman of Tulsa-based BOK Financial Corp. and primary owner of Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. His past donations have included childhood education, community health and social services.

990-N or 990-EZ. To help these groups, the IRS has generated a list of such organizations, and Crowell has gone one step further by sorting the list and identifying the groups in Gray County (see table to right).

Crowell has found 26 groups in Pampa that are listed by the IRS, as well as another six in McLean.

"The IRS lists them all on their Web site, but what I'm trying to do is contact these groups and let them know what the situation is," Crowell said.

"The program where I work, this RC&D program, we've helped set up many of these 501c3s. We're here to help rural communities, and we know that many of these groups do good things for those communities. It would be a shame to lose them through something like this."

Crowell said that the process to file the 990 forms is fast, free and easy.

"The 990-N is literally nothing more than a postcard-sized document," he said. "On the other hand, if you let these groups lose their status, it's extremely difficult to get it back. Nowadays, it takes \$2,000 to \$3,000 and a lot of paperwork to get a 501c3."

Even inactive groups, Crowell said, might do well to keep their status.

"If the organization is no longer in existence it might be possible to send in a change of purpose and keep the 501c3 as a 'community-wide nonprofit charitable organization' that can benefit many organizations and projects in (the) community," he said.

Crowell added that these groups might also want to do further research to ensure that they stay compliant to IRS regulations.

"I would really recommend people contact their CPA," he said. "They may have to do other things. For most small nonprofit groups, I think the 990 forms should be enough, but it's best to be on the safe side."

The IRS listing is available online at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225889,00.html>.

A release from the IRS cautions that the list may be incomplete or contain typographical errors, so Crowell advised that it would be a good idea for local nonprofit groups to check their 501c3 status before the October deadline.

"It's so simple to keep it, but it's so hard to get it back," said Crowell. "These groups were set up to help, and we hate our communities to lose them."

Gray County 501c3 Groups on the IRS At-Risk List

Pampa	McLean
Agape Assistance	Alanreed-McLean Area Museum
American Postal Workers Union	Carl L. Henley Memorial Scholarship Fund
Coronado Trailriders	Frances Kennedy Memorial Scholarship
Family Media Incorporation	Golden Spread Life Insurance Co.
Find Monica Foundation, Inc.	Old Route 66 Association of Texas
Gray County Child Welfare Board, Inc.	Red River Cowboy Ministries
Harmony Music Outreach	
Hoover Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.	
Keep Pampa Beautiful, Inc.	
Kingsmill Community Water Supply Corporation	
McClellan Improvement, Inc.	
National Association of Letter Carriers	
Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art	
Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association, Inc.	
Pampa Board of Realtors	
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Pampa Kids and Youth Club, Inc.	
Pampa Roping Club, Inc.	
Pampa Texas City Council of Beta Sigma Phi	
Prevailing Word Ministries, Inc.	
Texas Extension Education Association	
The National B-25 Preservation Group, Inc.	
The South Side Senior Citizens Center, Inc.	
Top O' Texas Sportsman Club, Inc.	
Top of Texas Sharers, Inc.	

Woman texts drug sale to cops

LINDALE (AP) — An east Texas woman who allegedly was trying to set up a drug sale turned out to be mistakenly texting law officers.

The Smith County Sheriff's Office says 51-year-old Debra Langham of Lindale was booked Monday on a marijuana possession charge. She was freed the following day on \$5,000 bond. Jail records did not list an attorney for Langham.

Investigators say she was caught after agreeing to meet an alleged buyer at a certain location. Langham had provided a description of her vehicle.

Deputies recovered about \$400 worth of marijuana. Lt. Tony Dana says Langham apparently put in the wrong number when the sheriff's office began receiving the texts several weeks ago.

Developer sues Halliburton

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida real estate developer St. Joe Co. is suing Halliburton Co. over its role in the rig explosion that led to the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

St. Joe said late Wednesday that Halliburton, which was responsible for encasing BP PLC's subsea well in cement, ignored safety procedures and didn't properly manage the cementing process. In deepwater drilling, cementing is a critical element in preventing oil and gas from escaping from the well.

"As a result, the cementing failed, allowing oil and gas to escape the well which caused the catastrophic blowout," St. Joe said. The cause of the blowout has not yet officially been determined. Multiple investigations are ongoing.

Hundreds of lawsuits have been filed against Halliburton, operator BP PLC, and the rig's owner, Transocean Ltd. St. Joe went after Halliburton first because it was thought to be the quickest way to collect damages and repay shareholders, said William Brewer, a partner at Bickel & Brewer and lead counsel for St. Joe. The company plans to file suit against the other companies involved as well.

District won't fund chess film

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A south Texas school district has decided not to help fund a documentary, planned by actor Edward James Olmos, about the success of its students playing chess.

Olmos in February helped pitch the project to the Brownsville Independent School District, but the district's board of trustees could not legally donate public funds for the project.

The board sought bids to produce the movie, but the production company Olmos partnered with did not come in with the lowest bid.

The Brownsville Herald reports the board voted Tuesday not to get involved at all.

The district's chess program was recently featured on the HBO program "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel."

Weatherford water woes improving

WEATHERFORD (AP) — Water service is running at 60 percent capacity in Weatherford after a busted pipeline interrupted the flow.

Officials said Thursday that with the improved services, restrictions have been lowered. Residents of the city of nearly 28,000, located 25 miles west of Fort Worth, can fill their pools and water their lawns on designated days, but they still have to boil their water for drinking.

Utility authorities continue working toward a permanent solution to the broken pipeline, which was discovered early Monday.

Weatherford has spent over \$70,000 distributing more than 500,000 bottles of water to residents over the past few days.

Busy hurricane season expected

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Government forecasters say record high temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean will keep this hurricane season on track to be the busiest since 2005.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Thursday said 14 to 20 named tropical storms are expected to develop, with eight to 12 storms strengthening into hurricanes. Four to six of those hurricanes could become major storms with sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

That's slightly fewer storms than NOAA expected in May. But lead seasonal hurricane forecaster Gerry Bell says ocean temperatures and a climate phenomenon known as La Nina favor more storm development.

Three named storms have developed since hurricane season began June 1: Hurricane Alex and tropical storms Bonnie and Colin.

Once not enough for robber

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Once allegedly was not enough for a man accused of trying to hold up the same Wichita Falls convenience store twice in one day.

Police early Thursday arrested 41-year-old Rickey Eugene Morris Jr. on two counts of aggravated robbery.

A police statement said a warrant was issued for Morris after the first robbery around 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Morris was caught after the same location was robbed shortly before 11 p.m. Wednesday.

A description of his vehicle led officers to Morris, who was arrested without incident. Nobody was hurt in either robbery.

Police did not immediately provide information Thursday on how Morris was identified as a suspect following the first robbery, or whether he has an attorney.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2010. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills.

On this date:

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Admiral David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as prisoners taken during the Korean conflict were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater.

In 1968, the Republican national convention convened in Miami Beach.

In 1969, the U.S. space probe Mariner 7 flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data.

In 1984, actor Richard Burton died in Geneva, Switzerland, at age 58.

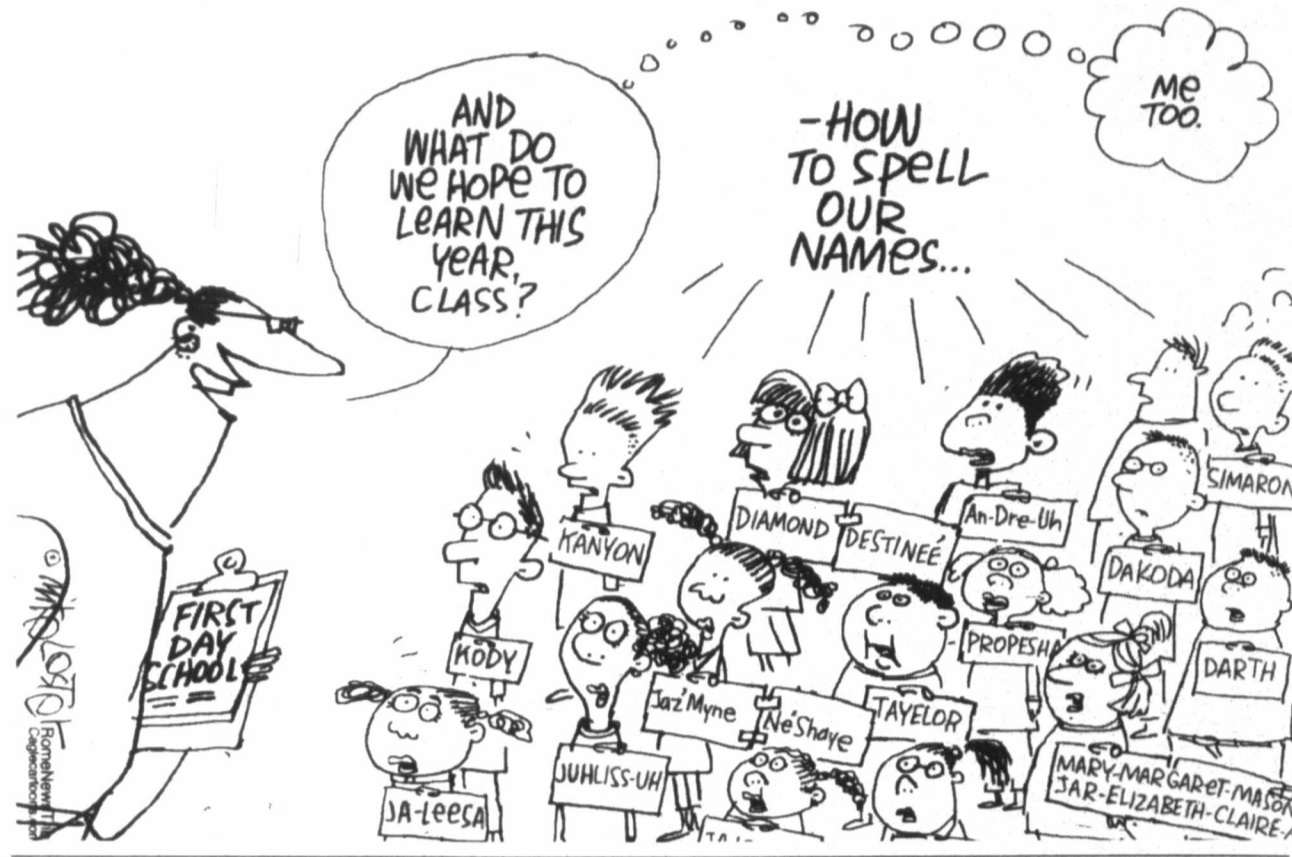
Ten years ago: Actor Sir Alec Guinness died at a southern England hospital at age 86.

Five years ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced new deportation measures against people who fostered hatred and advocate violence. The NCAA announced it would shut American Indian nicknames and images out of postseason tournaments. Hunter Kelly, whose battle with a nervous system disease inspired fundraising crusade by his father, Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly, died in Orchard Park, N.Y. at age 8.

One year ago: Journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee arrived in Burbank, Calif. for a tearful reunion with their families after a flight from North Korea, where they'd been held for 4 1/2 months until former President Bill Clinton helped secure their release.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is 80. Actress Cammie King ("Gone with the Wind") is 76. Actor John Saxon is 75. College Football Hall of Famer Roman Gabriel is 70. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock is 70. Rock musician Rick Huxley (The Dave Clark Five) is 70. Actress Lori Anderson is 65. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 63. Actress Holly Palance is 60. Singer Samantha Sang is 57. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 54. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Patrick Ewing is 48. Rapper MCA (The Beastie Boys) is 46. Actor Jonathan Silverman is 44. Former MLB player John Olerud is 42.

Thought for Today: "We are all snobs of the Infinite, parvenus of the Eternal." - James Gibbons Huneker, American author and critic (1860-1921)



Letters to the editor

Pampa shows hospitality to stranded motorist

To the Editor:

In early June, I had the misfortune to have my van quit on me about 10 miles north of Pampa.

If I got it right, it was Don Anderson from the Sheriff's Department who stopped by and helped me out way beyond the call of duty.

I was struck by his professionalism and genuine concern for my situation. I stayed overnight in the van and the next morning a rancher north of town (I apologize, I'm not sure of his name) stopped by just to make sure things were OK and had water, etc., which he offered to me.

The next day I got the vehicle towed back to Pampa and Thomas Automotive went out of their way to accommodate me and get me on the road again.

It seemed everywhere I went people were very gracious and went the "extra mile" to help me out. Wow!

Maybe it wasn't a "misfortune" but a "fortune" for me that I was detained a bit to experience the hospitality of Pampa, Texas.

I was able to get to Iowa in time for registration for a course that is now finished! Thank you, thank you, thank you so much, all of you, for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

John Stein
Fairfield, Iowa

Any chance for the working class?

To the Editor:

This is my opinion. With our government and world trade organization and all of the illegal immigration, how much of a chance does our legal working class of people have?

C. Kenneth Williams
Pampa

Overhaul to extend Medicare insurance fund?

MARTIN CRUTSINGE
AP Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report on the financial condition of the Medicare and Social Security programs contends the Obama administration's sweeping healthcare overhaul will extend the life of the Medicare hospital insurance fund by 12 years — an assertion that Medicare's top numbers-cruncher disputed.

The report acknowledged in its own right that the brighter outlook for Medicare assumes achievement of significant savings in health care, a scenario critics argue is highly questionable. And in what amounted to a dissenting opinion, top Medicare actuary Richard Foster warned that the report's financial projections "do not represent a reasonable expectation."

The conflicting renderings by federal officials centered on the annual report of the trustees for Medicare and Social Security, released Thursday. It found that the Medicare Hospital trust fund will not be exhausted until 2029, 12 years longer than estimated last year.

The recession, however, has worsened the near-term outlook for the Social Security trust fund, the report said.

The trustees said the Social Security program is projected to pay out more in benefits than it collects in taxes for the first time this year and next year. The Social Security trust fund is expected to be exhausted in 2037, the same date as in last year's report.

The report noted that achieving the health care savings needed to extend the life of the Medicare trust fund "may prove difficult and will probably require that payment and health care delivery systems be made more efficient than they are currently." The trustees also said that their projections "should be interpreted cau-

tiously."

Richard Foster, Medicare's chief actuary, said in a statement included in the report that the Medicare savings might not be realistic.

He said the projections were based on current law, which calls for payments to doctors to be cut by 23 percent this December and by a combined 30 percent over the next three years, an outcome that Foster called "an implausible result."

Congress has for years voted to put more money in the Medicare program to keep such sharp cuts in doctor's payments from occurring.

Foster said that the report also makes overly optimistic assumptions about the amount of savings that hospitals and other major providers will be able to achieve by operating more efficiently.

"For these reasons, the financial projections shown in the report for Medicare do not represent a reasonable expectation for actual program operations in either the short range ... or the long range," Foster wrote.

The administration delayed issuance of the trustees report, which normally comes out in the spring, in order to recalculate projected spending estimates based on the changes the new health care law brought about or will bring about in the future.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, the head of the trustees panel, said that while the new report showed "very positive developments" from the new health care law it also underscored "that we must continue to make progress addressing the financing challenges" facing both Medicare and Social Security.

The trustees report said that Social Security pension and disability payments will exceed revenues for this year and 2011, reflecting a deep recession which has knocked mil-

lions of people off payrolls, which means they are not paying Social Security payroll taxes.

The report said the program would return to the black in 2012 through 2014 but that benefit payments will again exceed tax collections in 2015. For every year after 2015, the report projects that Social Security will be paying out more than it receives in tax collections under the impact of the retirements of 78 million baby boomers.

The government will then have to turn permanently to its trust fund to make up the difference between Social Security taxes and the benefits being paid out. The trust fund, which exists in paper form in a filing cabinet in Parkersburg, W.Va., are bonds backed by the government's "full faith and credit" but not by any actual assets. That trust fund, currently at \$2.5 trillion, has been spent over the years to fund other parts of government.

To redeem the trust fund bonds, the government will have to borrow in public debt markets or raise taxes. At the point that the trust fund is exhausted in 2037, the trustees said the government will still be collecting enough in Social Security payroll taxes to meet three-fourths of current benefit levels.

The number crunching and analysis for the trustees report is done by a group of nonpartisan professionals at the Office of the Actuary, an obscure economic unit in the Health and Human Services Department that has a reputation for independence. To the consternation of White House officials, recent reports from that office have raised questions about the health care law's impact on Medicare.

An April 22 analysis pointed out that the projected gain of 12 years of additional solvency for Medicare, a figure that was also used in the health care debate, was largely an

"appearance," stemming from how Medicare cuts are handled under federal accounting rules. Under the law, savings from those cuts will be used to finance coverage for the uninsured.

A companion report concluded that some of the \$575 billion in Medicare savings over 10 years "may be unrealistic" because future Congresses could be pressured to roll back cuts to providers in the health care law.

More than 53 million people receive Social Security. Retirement benefits average \$1,100 a month, and disabled workers get an average of \$1,065. Medicare covers more than 46 million retirees and disabled people.

Social Security is financed by a 6.2 percent payroll tax on wages below \$106,800. The tax is paid by workers and matched by employers. Medicare is financed by a mix of general revenues, payroll taxes and premiums paid by beneficiaries.

President Barack Obama has formed a bipartisan fiscal commission that is working on recommendations to improve government finances, including those for Social Security and Medicare. Seniors' groups are lobbying against benefit cuts, while conservatives say they will oppose tax increases, creating a difficult political environment for compromise.

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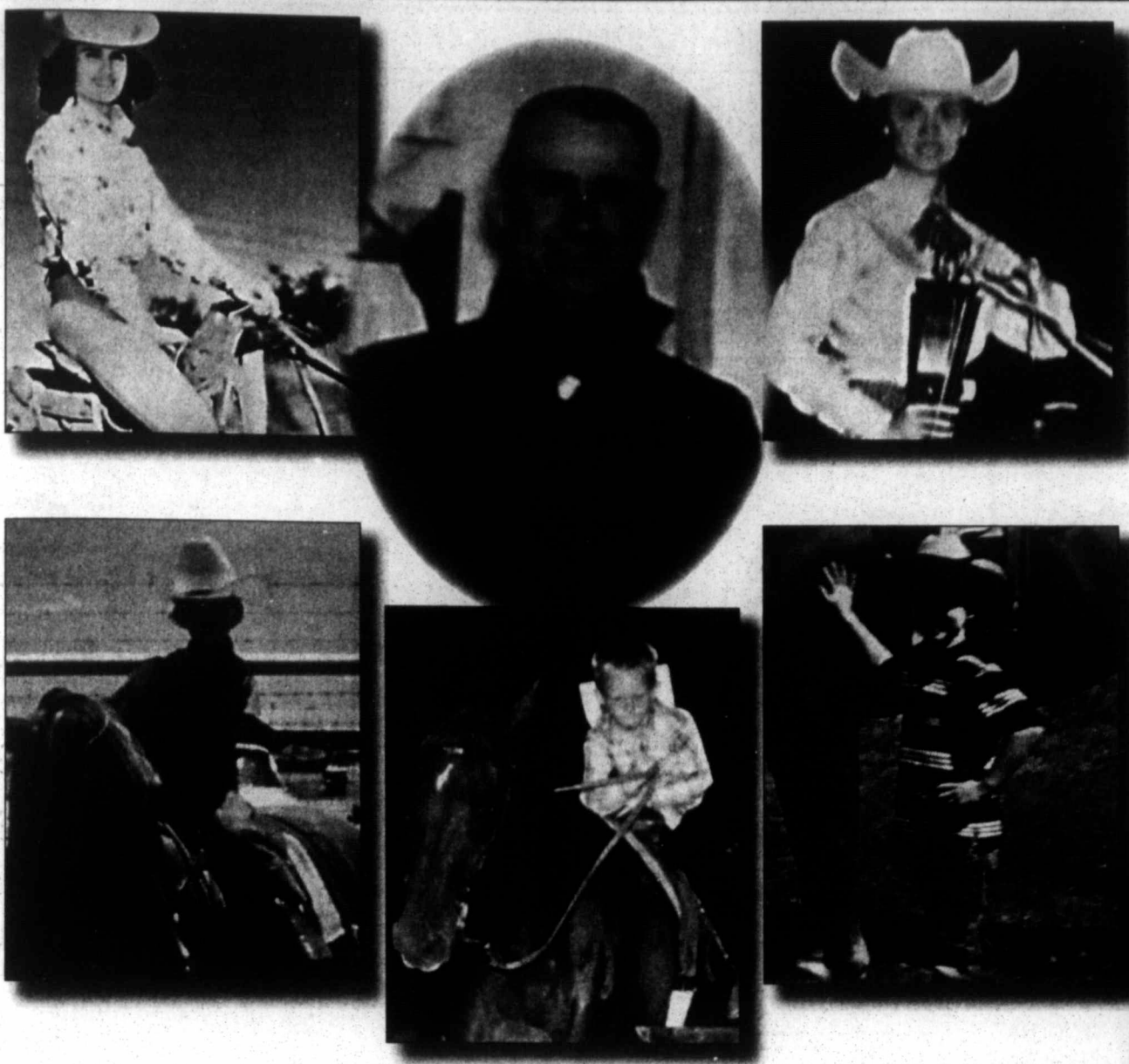
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Five generations of one family have participated in the Top O' Texas Rodeo, starting with original Top O' Texas Rodeo director Homer B. Taylor Sr. (center). He was followed by Ida Ruth Price (top left), Donna Walsh Stephens (top right), Christy Stephens Pritchett (bottom left) and Curtis Taylor Pritchett (bottom center). Taylor Cash Pritchett (bottom right) will become part of the sixth generation when he performs in the Kid Pony Show this weekend.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

Rodeo

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Pritchett smiled. "I don't know that they're as excited as we are."

Abby, since she's just 3, will not be horseback, but she will be in the stick horse competition, her grandmother said proudly.

"Taylor will be horseback," Christy Pritchett said.

Both of the children will be entered in the goat ribbon competition.

Taylor will also be doing the barrels on horseback and the golfette race. August 7: Top O' Texas Jr. Rodeo, 8am, for ages 8-18. Contact the rodeo office for more information at 669-0434.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I went to visit my mother, I found her lying on the kitchen floor. I asked her what she was doing there, and she said the floor feels cold and hard and soothes her back.

Abby, my mother has two very expensive beds in her home, and there is no reason for her to lie on the floor. It could be embarrassing if a friend or neighbor should pop in and find her there. How do I get her off the floor? — NOT BEDRIDDEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR NOT BEDRIDDEN: You should be more concerned with how things are than how they "might" be perceived by others. If your mother is having back trouble, encourage her to discuss it with her doctor or a chiropractor so she can be examined to make sure nothing is wrong. But if nothing is, then leave your poor mother alone. She's in the privacy of her own home, and she is hurting no one.

DEAR ABBY: We have an ongoing discussion in our office. What color ink is proper for signing birthday cards, sympathy cards, farewell cards, etc.?

One co-worker continues to use colors other than blue or black. An older co-worker says it's inappropriate to use any other colors. I have searched for an answer to this question with no luck. Can you help? — SEEING RED IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR SEEING RED: You seem to have a lot of time on your hands in that office. What is being conveyed is more important than how it looks. To sign a sympathy card in bright red might be inappropriate because it is jarring. For cards celebrating happy occasions, colored ink is acceptable -- the exception being fluorescent ink because it is hard to read.

DEAR ABBY: My aunt and uncle are "large" people. In the past we have had to be extremely cautious about where they sit when they come visit. Our furniture is mostly hand-me-downs and not overly sturdy.

They have, on occasion, broken the furniture because of their weight. We have had to have our kitchen chairs reglued, and once a chair was destroyed beyond repair. They have never ever offered to make amends for the furniture they have damaged.

We are about to order a new dining room set and living room furniture. Naturally, we don't want these broken. My husband has suggested giving them only sturdy folding chairs to sit on, but I don't want to embarrass them or make them feel unwelcome.

Is there a way to protect our furniture without hurting or offending my aunt and uncle? We don't have the money to constantly

replace broken items. — STRICTLY ANONYMOUS IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR STRICTLY ANONYMOUS: To drag out folding chairs for your aunt and uncle to use would be glaringly obvious. Consider buying a couple of sturdy chairs (and possibly have them reinforced with metal bracing) for them. When you know they're coming, "guide" them toward the chairs you want them to use. If you are questioned about it, explain (kindly) that in the past your chairs have been broken or needed repair -- so these were bought with them in mind because they are sturdier and you want them to be comfortable.

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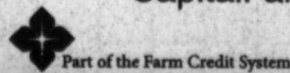


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 5 Fabric softener measure
- 11 Algerian port
- 12 Fly high
- 13 Grocery staple
- 14 Classified
- 15 Diamond setting
- 17 CEO's perk
- 18 Brass band members
- 22 Owl cries
- 24 Extra
- 25 Paris pal
- 26 Sheltered side
- 27 Painter
- 30 One of the Titans
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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Neighbor-hood
- 21 Beholds
- 22 Joke
- 23 Sign of ill
- 28 Hearty
- 29 How some games end
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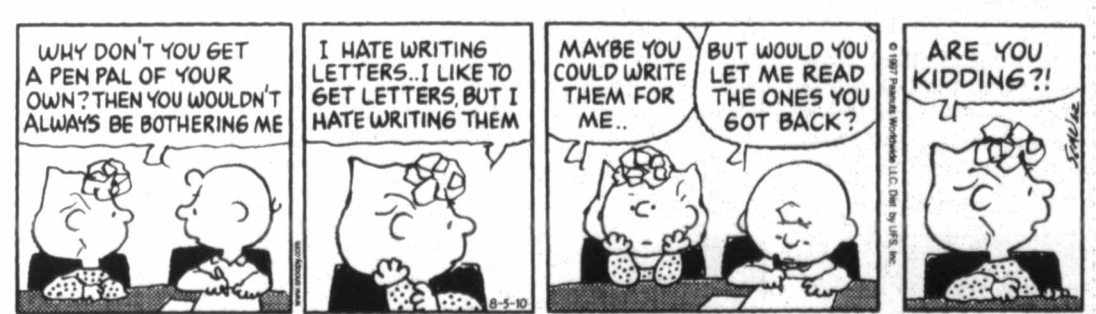
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 6, 2010:
This year, you will want to open up to many new experiences and expand your circle of friends. At some point, you will want to vanish or take some much-needed personal time. This quietness is a key component of making 2010-11 work. You will need frequent timeouts. Sorting through those you trust and don't could be key. If you are single, use care, as you could start to date someone who is emotionally unavailable. Back out before you are "in." If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekend getaways together. Take them often. **CANCER** reads you cold.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Complete your work and, if you need to, work late. Once tomorrow rolls around, you will want to relax. Planning ahead looks like working late and clearing out as many to-dos as possible. Tonight: Disconcerted by events, go with the flow.
TAURUS (April 20-May 21) ***** Keep a conversation moving. Your ability to clear out an inordinate amount of problems is noticed. Deal with a financial matter before you leave work. Make phone calls as well. You want to be able to not worry about completing work over the weekend. Tonight: Join friends. Catch up on news.
GEMINI (May 22-June 20) ***** Use the daylight hours to the

max. The Moon in your sign at that time draws many to you. Consider what would make you happy in a particular situation. Don't hesitate to ask for just that. Tonight: Your treat.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Continue to observe. You could be surprised by what is going on. Your ability to see what others don't even realize exists gives you an edge. Trust your observations. Make plans to socialize later in the day. Make lunch the last thing you do. Tonight: All smiles.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Use the daylight hours to the max. You feel inspired by certain key associates and friends. Still, know that you don't need to go overboard. Just accept that we all have our own personal muses. Tonight: You might prefer to be with one person rather than a crowd.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Keep reaching out for another perspective. The more you strive to detach and at the same time comprehend, the better the net results will be. You could feel overwhelmed by a friendship. Tonight: Follow the crowd.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Keep striving to see the big picture no matter what. You could become frustrated by all the obstacles you encounter later if you don't. Be happy that the weekend is forthcoming. Tonight: Gather the troops. You are the leader.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Deal with others directly. You might wonder what is going on with you, as frustration mounts as the day seems to close off. Know that you need a break

from your routine. Start acting on this idea now. Tonight: Take off ASAP.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Others come toward you. Decide how much work you need to get done and how much you want to get done. Handle this element of your life first. Schedule a late lunch with an associate. Tonight: Let go and finally get to know someone.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Pace yourself. Though news could toss your life into chaos and force you to work later. Others come toward you. Certainly you have some choices to make. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities. Determine your priorities.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your creativity flourishes at an unprecedented level. Others are clearly drawn to you when you become the idea man or woman of the group. Someone feels strongly about you. Tonight: Take off ASAP.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might opt to work from home, as a partner or associate might be infringing on your space at work. Your creativity mounts in the right circumstances. Let that same energy infuse your personal life. Tonight: Help another person let go and have a good time.
BORN TODAY
Action star Michelle Yeoh (1962), actor Robert Mitchum (1917), singer Geri Estelle Halliwell (1972) ***
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It was October 16 when the Pampa Harvesters were playing the Canyon Eagles at Harvester Field. Pampa's kicker Colten Adams was warming up on the sideline when head coach Heath Parker called for the field goal unit. On fourth and goal, Adams kicked the ball down the middle for his first career field goal. Now in his junior season, Adams enters his second season as the Harvesters starting kicker.

Adams said that field goal attempt was very nerve-wracking for him.

"My body went blank," Adams said. "I went out there, went through my steps, blocked out the crowd and kicked it."

Being a young kicker Adams said he sees himself as a rookie kicker entering the NFL.

"They feel the pressure of kicking in the NFL,"

Adams said. "I feel that same pressure with a fraction of the people at Harvester Field on Friday nights."

Adams said the position is tough because you have limited opportunity to play and you have to be ready.

"I could be sitting on the sideline the whole game until they need me," Adams said. "I have to be ready to punch it in."

Before football games Adams doesn't listen to music but lays on the floor in front of his locker. His position coach John True gives him the tee and tells him to imagine kicking the ball down the middle. Adams gets to work with Coach True practically year-round as he plays soccer in the spring. The junior kicker says it's a neat deal.

"He knows me and understands what I can and can't do," Adams said. "He expects a lot of me and is a good guy to be around all year."

True said Adams has developed faster than he expected in the offseason.

"He is staying healthy which is good," True said. "I think he is going to be really successful this year. He was real successful last year, 35 of 37 on extra points and two-for-two on field goals. Our goal this year is to not miss an extra point, have more field goal attempts and make them all."

True said that Adams is a good athlete and is very intense despite his quiet personality.

"He is a lot more intense than people think he is because he doesn't talk much," True said. "He handles pressure really well. He's a very good athlete, which surprises a lot of people because they think a kicker is just someone you stick on the field."

Adams, who also plays on the PHS soccer team said there isn't much difference in kicking a foot-

ball compared to a soccer ball.

"You have to lean back more in kicking a football and you lean forward kicking a soccer ball," Adams said. "It can be a tough transition."

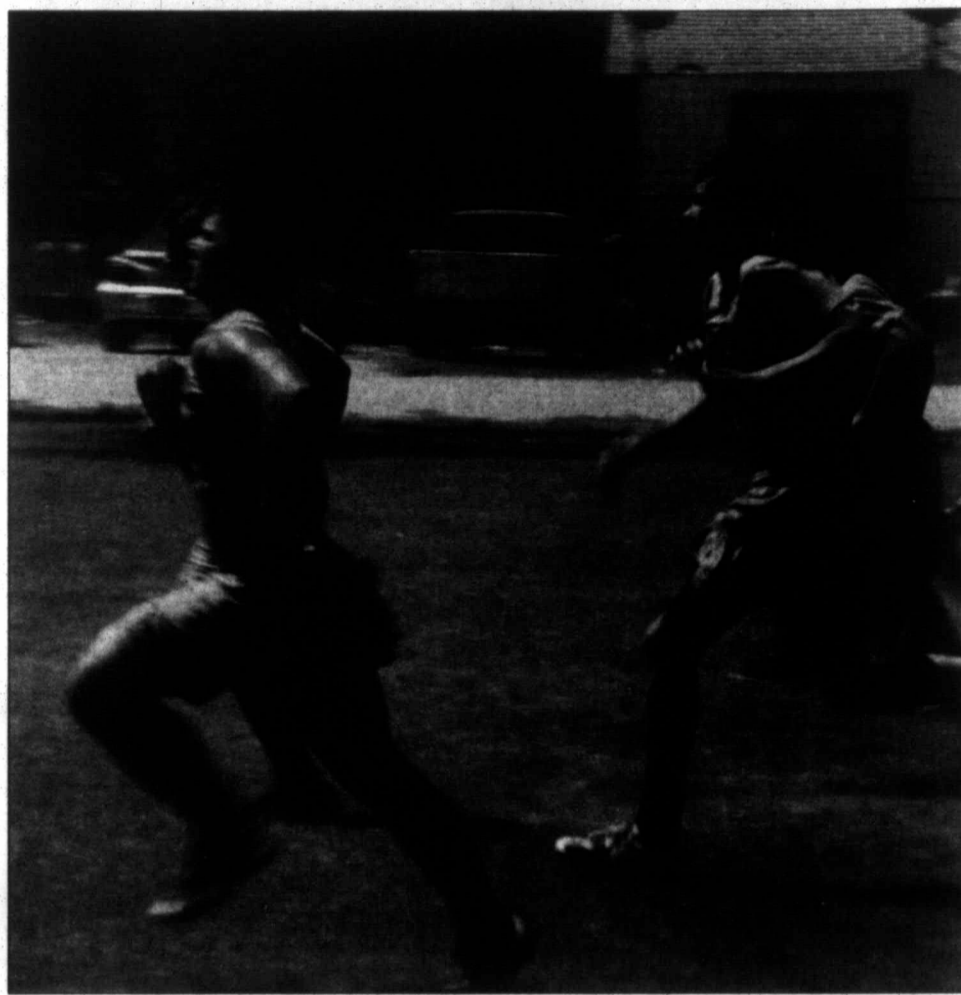
This season, Adams may do more than kicking as he is also competing for the punting duties.

"Right now it's between me and Garrett (Ericson)," Adams said.

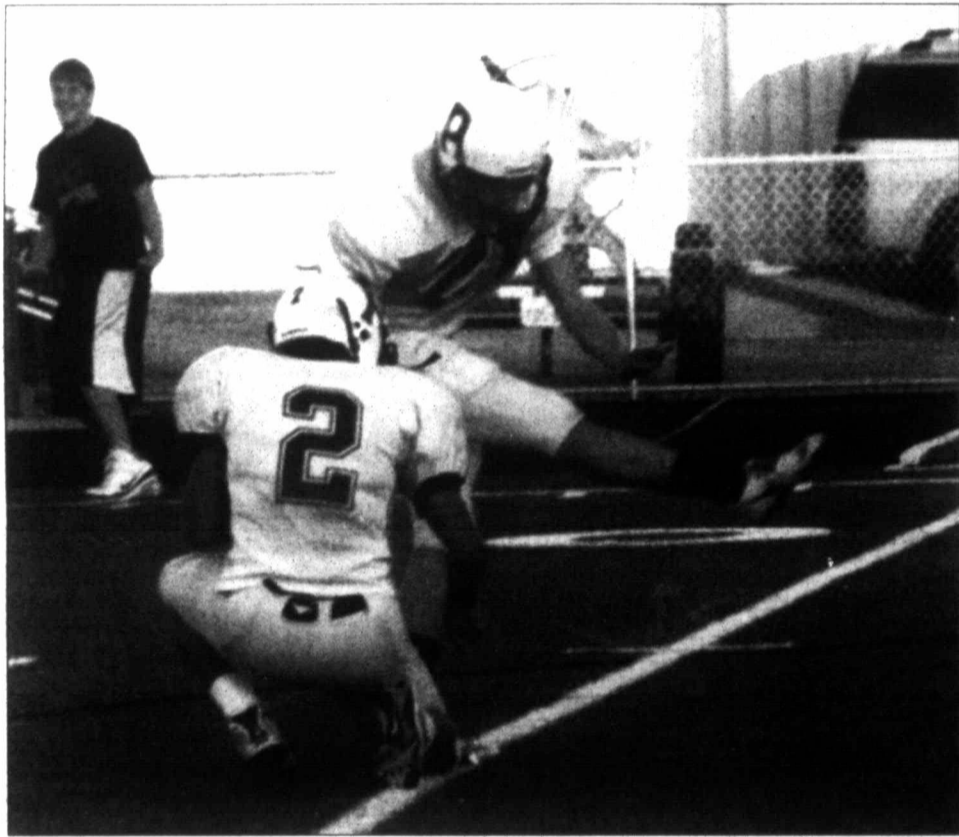
Adams got interested in

playing football in seventh grade but didn't kick until he was recruited by coaches Byron May and True in his freshman year.

RUNNING FOR THREE STRAIGHT



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Lefors Pirates football players run sprints at the end of their second practice Wednesday. Lefors is seeking its third straight district title in 2010.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Colten Adams (21) kicks an extra point in Pampa's last regular season practice. Adams enters his second season as the Harvesters starting kicker.

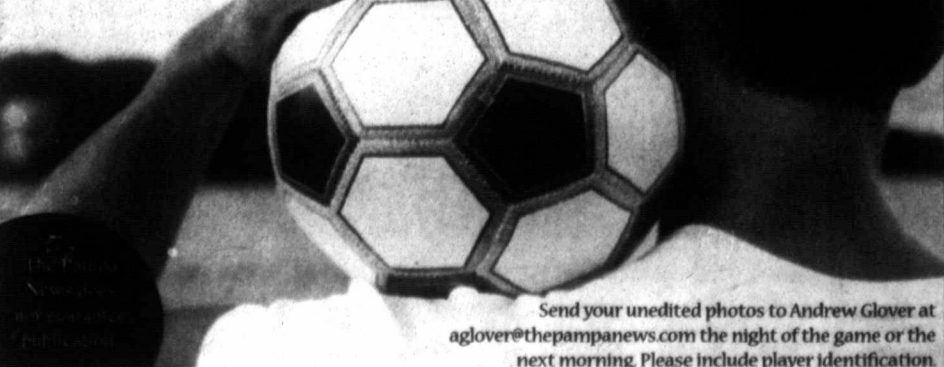
RIDING ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH



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Madox Jones, 5, rides his four wheeler in South Fork, Colo., July 4. Jones rides for fun.

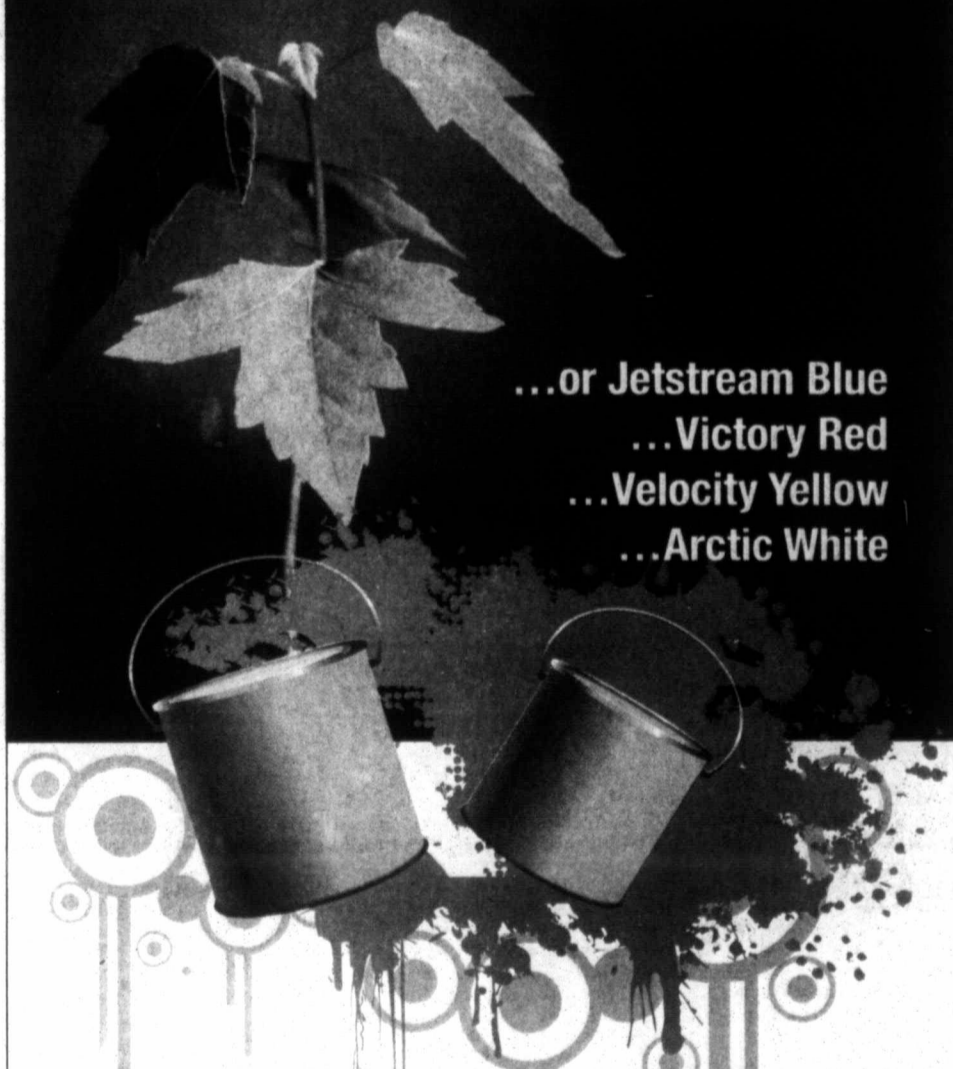
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