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Sherman Tank headed to Freedom Museum

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A Sherman tank that had graced the grounds of the Potter County Courthouse since Desert Storm is scheduled to be moved to Pampa this weekend.

Andy Epps with the museum said that as the Potter County Courthouse undergoes restoration under the guidance of the Texas Historical Commission, the commission said that the 60-ton armored tank wasn't appropriate and should be moved.

Potter County officials offered it to the Freedom Museum USA in Pampa, but Epps said with a grin that high winds in New

Mexico have caused a delay in moving the war machine.

Originally scheduled to be moved from Amarillo to Pampa earlier this year, the move had to be rescheduled twice.

The crane and equipment that were to be used were busy in New Mexico putting up wind turbines.

Because of the high winds across the southwest over the past couple of months, the equipment couldn't finish its job in New Mexico.

But Friday, officials said the equipment needed to move the M-60 Sherman Tank would be at the Potter County Courthouse at



staff photo by **David Bowser**
Amid the renovation of the Potter County Courthouse, an M-60, the main battle tank of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1982 to 1996, awaits transfer to its new home, the Freedom Museum USA in Pampa.

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SIGN ME UP



staff photo by **David Bowser**
Heath Davis (left) and **Nick Detten** putting up a new sign over Heard and Jones Pharmacy under blue skies and high winds Friday. The breezy weather is supposed to subside this weekend.

No major changes to appraisals

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There were no substantial changes to tax appraisals by the Gray County Appraisal Review Board when it met this past week.

"The only action items they had were to approve any changes that had been made from the previous ARB (Appraisal Review Board) meeting in December," said Tyson Paronto, the chief appraiser.

He said there were no major changes.

The Gray County Appraisal Review Board was one of two

Gray County Commission meets Mon.

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The Gray County Commissioners Court will take up air conditioning when they meet Monday morning.

They will consider the repair of

NRCS, SWCD invite public to work group meeting

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Local residents have an opportunity to help direct the efforts of two local agencies through a public meeting next week.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are extending an invitation for the public to make recommendations and help decide program and funding priorities to address local natural resource concerns.

Local residents and agencies may par-

ticipate in a "Local Work Group" meeting set for 7 p.m. on Thursday at the USDA Service Center meeting room at 12125 East Frederic. (Located southeast of the rodeo arena).

"The purpose of the public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, local agricultural leaders, businesses, and other individuals that have an interest in natural resource concerns," said John Wimberley, Pampa NRCS district conservationist.

Recommendations from the meeting will be reviewed by the State Technical

Advisory Committee and used to help implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

According to Wimberley, over \$181,000 in financial assistance was provided to Gray County farmers and ranchers through the 2011 EQIP program.

For more information, contact the local USDA-NRCS office in Pampa by calling 806-665-1751, or access the information on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.




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PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
High 63 Low 43	High 67 Low 51	High 75 Low 53

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Breezy, with a east wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy and windy, with a low around 53.

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the Number Two Chiller and repair of the chilled water pump at the courthouse.

In other business, the county commission will also consider replacing broken air conditioner and furnace units at the Lovett Building.

The commission will also consider a request from the Lefors Ambulance Service for funds to offset expenses in providing ambulance service in McLean.

In addition, commissioners will consider a courthouse landscape proposal and the URS Utility Audit Agreement.

Also on the agenda is a proposal to install a door restrictor on the elevator in the White Deer Land Museum.

The commission will meet beginning at 9 a.m., Monday, in the county courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 North Russell.

CORRECTION

In last weekend's listing of PHS honors graduates in The Pampa News, Ashley Holland was misidentified by the Pampa Independent School District. The Pampa News and the PISD apologize for the error.

Ashlee Holland is the daughter of Jason and Jamie Holland. She is ranked twelfth with a GPA of 4.032. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Leos Club. She is also a member of the Varsity basketball team, and has been a member of the volleyball team. Ashlee plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Biomedical Science and become a physical therapist.



Holland

Appraisal

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meetings at the appraisal district this past week.

Paronto said the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the appraisal district also met last week.

"That's primarily a body of gentlemen that helps us oversee our ag budget and ag values," Paronto said.

He said they don't take action on any items.

Tank

10 a.m. Saturday.

Officials with the Freedom Museum said they hoped to have the tank in Pampa by noon Saturday.

The tank in its Desert Storm camouflage color will sit on the southeast corner of the museum's property beneath the tail rotor of the helicopter

mounted in front of the main building.

The tank is the same model that the Marine Corps Reserve Unit from Amarillo took to Iraq for Desert Storm.

The museum is located at 600 North Hobart Street. The brick

building that houses the museum was originally an old water pumping station built by the Public Works Administration in 1939. The building was remodeled and enlarged for the museum, which is staffed by volunteers and funded by tax-deductible contributions.

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Obituaries

Evelyn Jane Haiduk Warner, 79

SANTA FE, N.M.—Evelyn Jane Haiduk Warner, 79, died May 9, 2011, in Santa Fe, N.M.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Evelyn was born April 15, 1932, in Westbrook, to Claude and Birdie Allen. She was married to Bert Haiduk from 1950 until 1995 and raised eight children on their farm outside White Deer. During the early years with Bert, Evelyn acquired a deep appreciation for artistic expression and began writing poetry. Her 20-year career in nursing began in 1978 as an LVN and concluded with eight years as a hospice nurse, which she considered the most rewarding. Evelyn was married to Carl Warner of Pampa from 1995 until his death in 2007. Her first book, "Come Walk With Me," was published in 2002. Five subsequent books of poetry have been published. In the loving company of her family, Evelyn died after a long battle with breast cancer in her home in Santa Fe where she had lived since March of 2010. She had previously resided in White Deer and Pampa, Texas, for over 60 years.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Eric and Kay Haiduk, and Connie and Oscar Munguia, all of White Deer, Karen Haiduk and Dan Anthony of Santa Fe, N.M., Kris and Dennis Viers of San Ramon, Calif., Katrina and Mike Adams of Arlington, Kala and Scott Sigler of Edmond, Okla., Jon and Andi Haiduk of Overland Park, Kan., and Barbara Vest of Lake City, Fla.; her grandchildren in-



Warner

clude Lance and Brock Anderson, Alberic, Brendan and Therese Haiduk, Claire, Christian and Grace Sigler, Peyton, Hunter and Audrey Adams, and Jordan and Dylan Haiduk, and her great-grandchildren John Brock and Ellis Anderson. She is also survived by her brother, Roy Brian Allen of San Antonio, Texas. Evelyn was preceded in death by her brothers Claude, Burt and Edd Allen, her mother, Birdie Jane Turner and her father, Claude Allen.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Christopher Lee Brawley, 34

MIDLAND—Christopher Lee Brawley, 34, died May 12, 2011, in Midland.

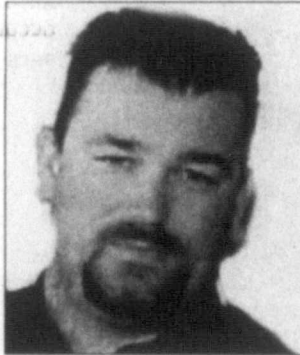
Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Jimmie Cole, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Christopher was born June 7, 1976, in Pampa and attended Pampa schools. He worked for CapStar, Unit, Pason, Curtis Well Service and Hudson Drilling most of his life. In April of 1994, his daughter Stormy was born. On August 8, 2000, he married Carrie Reed in Pampa. Christopher enjoyed fishing, spending time with his kids and dogs, working on cars, and riding horses. He loved his family. He was a loving husband, father, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Carrie Brawley of Sayre, Okla.; three daughters, Stormy Brawley of Pampa, Abbey White and Macy Reed, both of Sayre, Okla.; two sons, Zack White and Garrett Reed, both of Sayre, Okla. his father, Larry Brawley and wife Robin of Eufala, Okla.; a sister, Amy Silva of Amarillo; three brothers, Gary Brawley of Odessa, Sean Brawley and Aaron Brawley, both of Eufala, Okla., grandmother, Lois Dittmeyer of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara King; his grandfather, Robert Dittmeyer; grandparents, Alvin and Golda King; aunt, Donna Anderson; and cousin, Ethan Anderson.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Brawley

"Lord, keep me safe on this trail ride, and if sometimes I drift from Your plan, guide me back gently to the land that I love with the touch of Your awesome big hand. The stars up above, I know You named every one, and I see my name written there. One day I'll ride home, peace and joy for my own, with not one single worry or care"

~from "The Cowboy's Prayer"



Your kind deeds have been like little prayers! We want to thank everyone who brought food, made floral or memorial gifts. Thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. It was greatly appreciated.

~The Bud Crow family

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Mom and Dad

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AFTERNOONRUSH How the oil industry saves \$4.4B a year on taxes

Quanah to celebrate Quanah

QUANAH (AP) - A northwest Texas town named for the last great Comanche tribal war chief will celebrate his life on the centennial of his death.

The descendants of former Chief Quanah Parker will gather in Quanah, Texas, 76 miles northwest of Wichita Falls, for the Quanah Parker Celebration on June 9-11.

Among the events will be Comanche tribal songs and celebrations and burning of juniper incense sacred to the tribe. The *Wichita Falls Times Record News* reports that among those scheduled to attend will be 92-year-old Baldwin Parker Jr. of Cache, Okla., the last surviving grandson.

Quanah Parker was the son of Comanche Chief Peta Nocona and Cynthia Ann Parker, the daughter of white settlers who was kidnapped by Comanches as a child and raised as a tribe member.

Justice to monitor elections

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department says five Texas counties will be part of routine federal monitoring of local elections.

The agency says federal observers will be on hand for Saturday's elections in Galveston, Jefferson and Liberty counties in southeast Texas. Monitors also will be sent to Medina County in Central Texas and San Patricio County in South Texas.

The action announced Friday is designed to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in elections on the basis of race. The agency says the monitored jurisdictions are required to provide language assistance in Spanish.

800 layoffs possible at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) - Officials say Texas Tech University's three-school system could face as many as 800 layoffs under looming state budget cuts, although the chancellor expects the number to be half of that or lower.

System administrators told the university's governing board Thursday the higher estimate was a worst-case scenario as the Texas Legislature debates a new budget. The state faces a shortfall that could reach \$27 billion.

Officials say the 800 layoffs expected from the Texas House budget would be about 4 percent of the Tech system's 18,000-plus employees.

The *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* reports that officials believe the proposed Texas Senate budget would result in about 475 Tech system job losses.

Chancellor Kent Hance says enrollment growth could help. He expects layoffs to be in the range of 200 to 400 employees.

No to liquor with stimulants

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House has passed a ban on making and selling malt liquor containing stimulants, including caffeine and ginseng.

Approved Thursday, the measure won't apply to malt liquor where stimulants occur naturally.

Supporters say beverages that mix alcohol and certain stimulants have led to heart attacks and deadly car crashes.

Last year, the Food and Drug Administration warned four companies that make caffeine and alcohol drinks that their products were unsafe.

The sale of one, Four Loko, has been banned by at least 13 states through their alcohol control boards, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Opponents of the Texas measure warned that it creates a slippery slope of regulating alcoholic beverages containing caffeine such as Red Bull and vodka or rum and Coke.

Farm boom continues

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City says the farm boom is continuing this year as high crop prices and improved livestock prices combine to drive farm income higher.

The Fed said Friday that robust farm income in region helped drive cropland values up roughly 20 percent over last year.

The 10th Federal Reserve District, based in Kansas City, Mo., covers Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, northern New Mexico and western Missouri.

The Federal Reserve says farmers are using their improved income to invest in land and equipment. Bankers throughout the district reported an increase in the number of farmers using cash as a down payment on land purchases.

And demand for loans remained weak in the first quarter.

Centenarian to get diploma

TEXAS CITY (AP) - A 100-year-old Texas high school dropout is finally getting her diploma.

Thelma Dyess had told the Galveston County Daily News at her 100th birthday party in Texas City that she had always regretted dropping out of school after the eighth grade during the Great Depression to find work.

Texas City school Superintendent Bob Brundrett read her comments and decided to do something about it. At his suggestion, the Texas City school board voted this week to award Dyess an honorary high school diploma during the June 3 graduation ceremony.

District spokeswoman Melissa Tortorici says Dyess will even don the cap and gown for the occasion.

42: The official game of Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - The House has approved a resolution to make the domino game 42 the official table game of Texas.

The measure was unanimously approved Friday morning during a flurry of consent bills. Despite the huge number of bills pending, state Rep. Erwin Cain of Sulphur Springs read a poem explaining the game and its virtue as an alternative to poker. The poem was placed in the House journal.

The game is also known as Texas 42 and is played for four players forming two teams. For decades it's been called "the national game of Texas." The resolution would make the moniker official.

The resolution now goes to the Senate for consideration.

JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Motorists are paying nearly \$4 for a gallon of gasoline as the oil industry reaps pre-tax profits that could hit \$200 billion this year.

This makes another big number hard to take: \$4.4 billion. That's how much the industry saves every year through special tax breaks intended to promote domestic drilling.

President Barack Obama is increasing pressure on Congress to eliminate these tax breaks - including one that is nearly a century old - at a time of record budget deficits. The President and congressional Democrats say eliminating the tax breaks will also lower gas prices by making alternative energy sources more competitive.

Oil industry advocates, a group that includes most Republicans in Congress, argue just the opposite. They say oil companies reinvest tax breaks into exploration and production, which ultimately generates more tax dollars and increases the supply of oil. They say eliminating tax breaks will raise the cost of doing business and lead to higher gas prices.

Executives from the five biggest oil companies were asked about these tax breaks at a Senate finance committee meeting Thursday. Senate Democrats accused the oil companies of not paying their share to help the country emerge from economic hard times. Republicans derided the hearing as a dog-and-pony show staged to score political points with angry drivers.

The industry executives said eliminating the tax breaks would reduce investment in the U.S. Rex Tillerson, CEO of Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil, said the tax proposal "would discourage future investment in energy projects in the United States and therefore undercut job

Bill would refine duties of Texas forensic panel

AUSTIN (AP) - The duties and mission of a troubled state panel caught up in the review of a contested arson finding in a death penalty case would be cleared up under legislation approved by the Texas Senate on Friday.

The bill by Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, sets out specific steps for the Texas Forensic Science Commission when investigating and reporting cases. It also gives the commission the authority to initiate investigations rather than wait for a complaint to be filed.

The commission has been embattled in the disputed case of Cameron Todd Willingham, a man executed for setting the fire to his house that killed his three daughters in 1991. The commission was charged with determining whether Texas sent Willingham to his death based on faulty arson evidence. The case has sparked outcries nationwide from activists hoping the case could be used as a call to reform methods of forensic science.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who denied Willingham a stay of execution, appointed John Bradley as chairman of the committee. Bradley delayed consideration of the case for months, sparking accusations of political motivation and a government cover-up. His re-nomination has been blocked in the Senate by angry Democrats.

Hinojosa's bill would eliminate two commissioners, leaving a 7-member panel composed of a

creation and economic growth." He said it would do nothing to reduce gasoline prices.

The 41 U.S. oil and gas companies that break out their federal taxes said they paid Uncle Sam \$5.7 billion in 2010, according to data compiled by Compustat. That's more than any other industry. Exxon alone paid \$1.3 billion. (The company's total tax bill was \$21.5 billion, but most of that was paid to foreign governments and states.)

But at a time when motorists are fuming about \$4 gas, Obama and Democrats sees a huge political opportunity.

"When you see profits that include the word billions, people automatically think someone is getting screwed," says Christine Tezak, Senior Energy and Environmental Policy Analyst at Robert W. Baird & Co. "The fact that the (oil industry) is getting any breaks at all has become a sore spot."

The price of oil is so high that removing these tax breaks would likely have little to no effect on domestic oil production. There are other factors that make the U.S. a highly attractive place to drill: it's politically stable, it has good roads and pipelines, and it's the world's biggest energy consumer. And the industry would remain hugely profitable even though eliminating the tax breaks would increase its U.S. tax bill by nearly 70 percent.

The tax breaks that Obama wants to eliminate will cost the U.S. Treasury \$44 billion over the next decade. A Senate proposal targets many of the same rules, but would eliminate them only for the five biggest oil companies: ExxonMobil, Chevron, BP, Royal Dutch Shell and ConocoPhillips.

Here is a look at the main tax breaks:

The biggest is what's called the Domestic Manufacturing Deduction. It's a 2004 tax change meant to encourage companies to manufacture in the U.S.

It allows companies of almost any type to deduct from their taxable income up to 9 percent of profits from domestic manufacturing. Under the rule, oil and gas companies were classified as manufacturers, but their deduction was capped at 6 percent.

This provision alone is expected to save the oil and gas industry \$18.2 billion over the next ten years, or 42 percent of the \$44 billion total.

The oil industry feels unfairly singled out. "It can't be good for some and not for others or it is just a punishment," says Stephen Comstock, the tax policy manager at the American Petroleum Institute, an oil industry lobbying group.

Another subsidy, established in 1913 to encourage domestic drilling, allows oil companies to deduct more quickly all of the so-called intangible costs of preparing a site for drilling.

To accountants, intangible costs are costs for things that have no salvage value when the well runs dry, including clearing land and pouring concrete. Ordinarily, a business would have to deduct these costs over the life of the drilling site. Instead, small, independent drillers are allowed to deduct all of these expenses in the first year; major, so-called integrated companies like ExxonMobil can deduct 70 percent in the first year.

The break is worth \$12.5 billion over the next ten years.

Comstock compares the oil industry's ability to write off the cost of preparing a well to other companies' ability to write off research and development costs. Other tax experts say this is clearly a subsidy.

A rule dating from 1926 that establishes how oil companies can depreciate the value of their wells allows drillers to deduct 15 percent of the well's revenue from its taxable income per year. This is instead of a more traditional depreciation scheme in which the cost of the well is depreciated over the well's life.

The tax break was created in part to simplify accounting, so companies wouldn't have to guess how long an oil or gas field would produce in order to calculate how to depreciate it. It can be a boon: The total of the deductions over the life of the well can sometimes be bigger than what the company actually spent on the well.

This provision was eliminated for major oil companies in 1975, but it continues for independent producers. The break is worth \$11 billion over 10 years.

Royalties that companies pay foreign governments for the oil they extract are not deductible from U.S. taxes. But often the industry is allowed to claim royalties as foreign taxes, which are deductible. Obama and Senate Democrats call this a loophole, and want to close it. Obama doesn't include this in his \$44 billion proposal, but Whitney Stanco, an analyst at MF Global, calculates that removing this benefit could cost the industry \$8.5 billion over ten years.

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Pampa ISD Events for the Week of May 16-20

Pampa High School
 May 16 • AP Parent Meeting • 7:00 pm • Commons
 May 17 • DECA & BPA Banquet • 7:00 pm
 May 18 • Baseball Banquet
 May 19 • Choir Variety Show • 7:00 pm • MK Brown
 May 20 • Tennis Banquet

Pampa Jr. High
 May 17 & 18 • TAKS Re-test
 May 17 • Choir Spring Concert
 May 19 • 7th Grade to Wonderland Park
 May 20 • Wonderland Trip for qualifying 8th Grade Students

Austin Elementary
 May 17 • Library Closes — All Library Books due
 May 19 • 5th Grade Talent Show
 May 20 • 1st Grade to Super Playground
 May 20 • 4th & 5th Grade Track Meet @ PHS • 9:30-2:30

Lamar Elementary
 May 17 & 18 • TAKS Retest
 May 19 • 2nd Grade Field trip to Discovery Center
 May 19 • 1st Grade Trip to Park
 May 19 • 3rd Grade Trip to Palo Duro Canyon
 May 20 • 4th & 5th Grade Track Meet @ PHS • 9:30-2:30
 May 20 • "Safety Awareness Assembly" with Pampa Police Dept.
 May 20 • Show Choir Program • 10:00 am

Travis Elementary
 May 17 & 18 • TAKS Re-test
 May 17 • Kindergarten Trip to Jump n' Jive
 May 20 • 4th & 5th Grade Track Meet @ PHS • 9:30-2:30
 May 20 • 1st Grade to Hobart St. Park

Wilson Elementary
 May 16 • PHS Show Choir Performance • 8:00 am
 May 20 • 2nd Grade Trip to Central Park
 May 20 • 4th & 5th Grade Track Meet @ PHS • 9:30-2:30

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 14, the 134th day of 2011. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1811, Paraguay achieved independence from Spain with the bloodless overthrow of the country's royal governor.

On this date:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age four upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Ill.

In 1860, the first Japanese diplomatic mission to the United States arrived in Washington.

In 1900, the Olympic games opened in Paris, held as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

In 1940, the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Ala.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station.

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82.

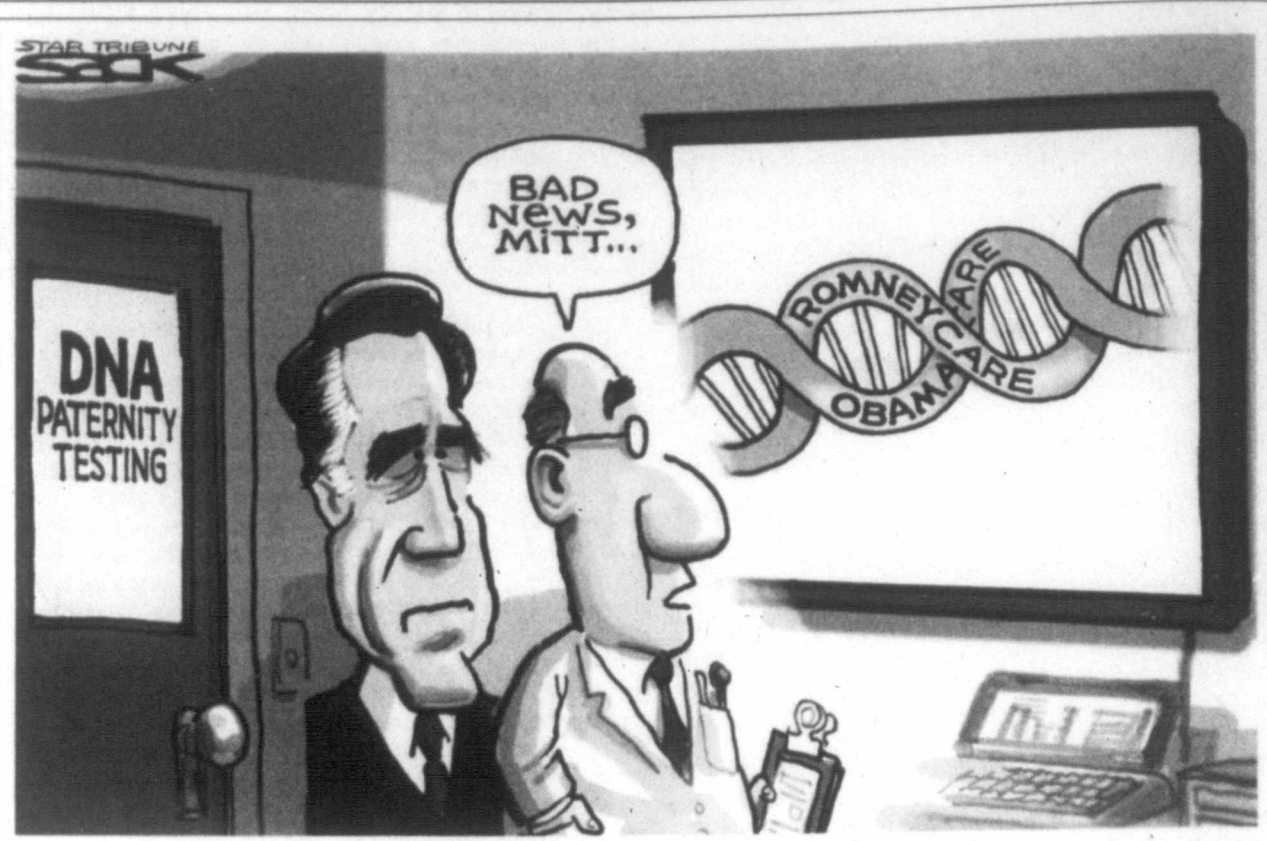
Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled 8-0 that there is no exception in federal law for people to use marijuana for medical purposes.

Five years ago: Mexico's President Vicente Fox telephoned President George W. Bush to express concern about what he called the possibility of a "militarized" U.S.-Mexican border, a day before Bush's planned Oval Office speech on immigration.

One year ago: President Barack Obama heatedly condemned what he called a "ridiculous spectacle" of oil executives shifting blame for the BP oil spill in congressional hearings and denounced a "cozy relationship" between their companies and the federal government.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce (Cream) is 68. Movie producer George Lucas is 67. Actress Meg Foster is 63. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 60. Rock singer David Byrne is 59. Actor Tim Roth is 50. Rock singer Ian Asbury (The Cult) is 49. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 49. Actor Danny Huston is 49. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 45. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raphael Saadiq is 45. Actress Cate Blanchett is 42. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 42. Movie writer-director Sofia Coppola is 40. Singer Natalie Appleton (All Saints) is 38. Singer Shanice is 38. Rock musician Henry Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 33. Rock musician Mike Retondo (Plain White T's) is 30. Actress Amber Tamblyn is 28. Actress Miranda Cosgrove is 18.

Thought for Today: "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist." — Louis Nizer, American lawyer (1902-1994)



Romney makes tough healthcare choice

CHARLES BABINGTON

Analysis by the Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney faces a deeply unpleasant choice in his all-but-announced bid for the White House. He signaled Thursday that he'd rather be charged with inspiring President Barack Obama's health care overhaul than with switching positions on a fourth big issue that's vital to conservative voters.

Either accusation, if it sticks, might deny him the GOP nomination. Conservatives despise Obama's 2010 health care law, especially the requirement that everyone obtain medical insurance. That same requirement is a cornerstone of the 2006 Massachusetts law that Romney championed as governor. Many advisers have urged Romney to apologize, say he made a big mistake and move on.

But voters of almost every stripe dislike political flip-flopers. And that puts Romney in a different jam.

As he shifted from Massachusetts governor to a Republican presidential hopeful, he reversed his stands on abortion laws, gay rights and gun laws. Flipping on a fourth big issue might undo him.

So Romney has decided to stick with a sometimes confusing, legalistic defense of the groundbreaking health law he enacted in Massachusetts. In a 29-minute talk and slide show Thursday in Michigan, he tried to make a political virtue of his campaign necessity.

"A lot of pundits around the nation are saying that I should just stand up and say this whole thing was a mistake, that it was just a bone-headed idea and I should just admit it," Romney told a room of college Republicans. "There's only one problem with that: It wouldn't be honest. I, in fact, did what I believe was right for the people of my state."

There's the rub for Romney. If mandated insurance coverage was right for the state he governed, how can it be so terribly wrong for the nation Obama oversees?

Romney said Massachusetts' health care system differed from those in Montana, Mississippi and elsewhere. Yet he described a commonplace problem: People realized

they could receive free emergency medical care without buying health insurance, forcing others to pick up the tab.

"This was what we call the free-rider problem," he said. "It wasn't a large number, but a growing number."

Through taxes or higher medical fees, other state residents were unfairly forced to subsidize these free riders, Romney said. So the state enacted a law "that said either have insurance, or we're going to charge you" a fair share. The charge wasn't huge, he said, but enough to be "a pretty big incentive to encourage people to get insured."

That's a justification that Obama and congressional Democrats also used for passing the 2010 law that, when fully phased in, will require everyone to have health coverage. Romney touched on the other chief reason as well. Universal coverage can be used to bar insurers from turning away people with "pre-existing conditions," because patients no longer can wait until they are seriously ill to buy insurance.

Romney portrayed Massachusetts' problems as almost unique. "Our plan was a state solution to a state problem," he said. Obama's program, he said, "is a power grab by the federal government to put in place a one-size-fits-all plan across the nation."

But Romney himself noted that it is "actually true in most states" that people receive free treatment in emergency rooms.

Analysts and political strategists were skeptical.

"Romney trotted out the federalism argument once again, calling Obamacare a 'power grab,'" wrote Jennifer Rubin, a conservative blogger at The Washington Post. "But conservatives for nearly two years have been arguing that NO government should require individuals to purchase something they don't want."

Former Sen. Rick Santorum, who also is seeking the GOP presidential nomination, criticized Romney for trying "to institute the precursor to national socialized medicine."

"Both Romneycare and Obamacare infringe upon individual freedom," Santorum said.

Even some of Romney's closest friends seem unmoved. Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said Romney "had admirable goals of making private health insurance more affordable, but the Massachusetts plan didn't work."

DeMint had a kinder tone two months ago. He told The Hill newspaper: "One of the reasons I endorsed Romney (in 2008) is his attempts to make private health insurance available at affordable prices. ... He started with some good ideas that were essentially hijacked by the Democrat legislature."

Before Romney spoke on Thursday, The Wall Street Journal's editorial page — it is influential with many conservatives — wrote that "if he does not change his message" on the Massachusetts health law, "he might as well try to knock off Joe Biden and get on the Obama ticket."

But changing his message would invite renewed charges that Romney lacks convictions and authenticity.

In his successful 2002 gubernatorial race, and his unsuccessful 1994 bid to unseat liberal Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., Romney took stands he since has renounced. Abortion should be safe and legal, he said at the time, and he vowed to be a stronger advocate for gay rights than was Kennedy. He supported gun control measures and distanced himself from Ronald Reagan.

Romney says he changed his views on those topics after periods of serious re-examination. Still, they leave him open to attacks.

"The big problem for Mitt Romney is he has a conviction problem," said Neera Tanden, a top adviser to President Bill Clinton and to his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, when she was a senator and a presidential candidate. Romney's resume is strong, Tanden said, "but voters don't know what he stands for."

Turning his back on his landmark Massachusetts health law would exacerbate that problem. Romney said Thursday he is standing by the Massachusetts law "despite the fact it's gone from being seen as an asset to being seen as a liability politically."

Romney has picked his battle. The outcome may determine whether he is the Republican who will challenge Obama next year.

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Water on the road: Turn around, don't drown

AUSTIN — The National Weather Service and the Texas Division of Emergency Management remind Texans to avoid low water crossings and driving on flooded roadways.

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• Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge.

• In flash floods, waters rise so rapidly they may be far deeper by the time you are halfway across, trapping you in your vehicle.

• Flash floods are especially treacherous at night when it is very diffi-

cult to see how deep waters may be or how fast water is rising.

• Floodwater weakens roadbeds. Drivers should proceed cautiously after waters have receded, since the road may collapse under the weight of the vehicle.

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Entertainment!

THE PAMPA NEWS

'Something Borrowed' not worth having in the first place

"Something Borrowed" is the perfect counterargument to the idea that a good cast can salvage a bad script.

On paper, you'd think that Ginnifer Goodwin, John Krasinski and Kate Hudson would make for a charming romantic comedy. You'd be very, very wrong.

"Something Borrowed" is nothing more than a trashy soap opera riddled with unlikable characters making every wrong decision during a predictable storyline, peppering in as many bad jokes as possible along the way.

It's the story of Goodwin's Rachel, the best friend of self-absorbed blonde party girl Darcy. Rachel loves Darcy's fiance, Dex, who loves her back. Still, instead of pointing any of this out to anybody, they both passively roll over and let the domineering Darcy drive the bus.

Of course, thanks to a few drinks, Rachel and Dex end up in bed together at the beginning of the movie, and the two of them spend the rest of the film playing out the plot, doing just about everything they shouldn't do until the movie ends.

It's excruciating to watch. The film strains way too hard to justify what Rachel and Dex have done, as if their overplayed grief absolves them of guilt. Goodwin, who has made a career of playing the Plain Jane second banana to whichever blonde starlet she happens to be in the movie with, almost pulls it off, but not quite. Part of it, I suspect, is because she's playing opposite former "All My Children" star Colin Egglesfield (I had to look that up, I swear), who might have been the most boring male lead in a romantic comedy I've ever seen. I've had glasses of orange juice with more personality.

To their credit, Hudson and Krasinski try their hearts out. They really do. Hudson is dynamic as Darcy, but her character is so absolutely deplorable that her perfectly good acting job just comes

off as insanely annoying. Krasinski, playing the token "best friend to the main female character in a romantic comedy," is charismatic as always, but does exactly what you expect the "best friend to the main female character in a romantic comedy" to do.

I suppose you can't help but feel like Rachel and Dex really were meant for each other, but mostly because we've seen this plot recycled so many times before. There's no amount of saccharine that can sugarcoat that, even though "Something Borrowed" certainly heaps on layer after mind-numbing layer.

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SPLIT-SCREEN

'Bridesmaids' good, raunchy fun — for women and men



ARNIE AURELLANO



TRAVIS TIDMORE

Judd Apatow has made a name for himself over the past six years as the go-to producer/director of male-driven R-rated comedies.

Now, Apatow has brought the same formula that made "40 Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up," and "Superbad" hits — two parts raunch to one part heart — to the ladies with "Bridesmaids," a female-driven R-rated comedy.

Along with writer/star Kristen Wiig (of Saturday Night Live) and director Paul Feig (Apatow's partner on the short-lived NBC series Freaks and Geeks), Apatow has shown that women can be just as funny — and dirty — as

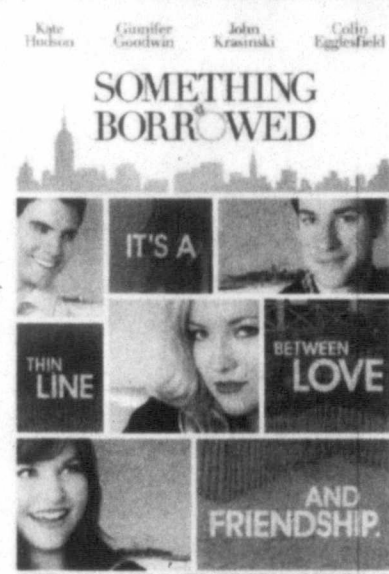
the guys.

The film follows Annie (Wiig), a down on her luck, former bakery, as she tries to balance her downward spiraling life with the pressures of being the maid of honor to her best friend since childhood, Lillian (fellow SNL alum Maya Rudolph). To make matters worse, Lillian's new friend Helen (Rose Byrne) thinks she should be the maid of honor and sets out to one up Annie in every way possible, which leads to some hilarious scenes, such as Helen and Annie trying repeatedly to outdo the other's toast to the newly engaged couple.

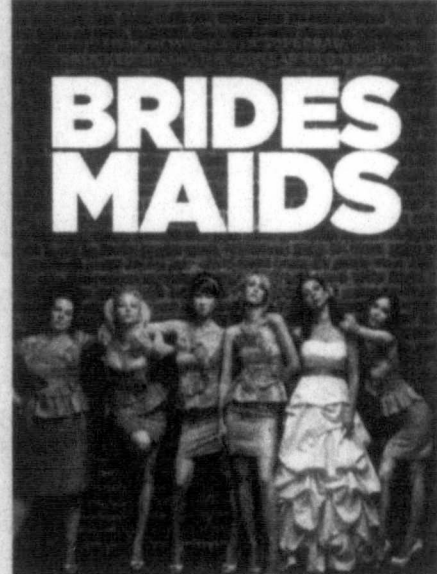
The film has a great cast, especially Annie's fellow bridesmaids, which include "Mike & Molly's" Melissa McCarthy, who steals almost every scene she's in, as Lillian's crass, soon-to-be sister-in-law, Megan, "The Office's" Ellie Kemper as sweet but clueless Becca and Reno 911!'s Wendi McLendon-Covey as married-with-kids Rita.

The movie does a wonderful job of combining the raunchy R-rated comedy with some light drama and a bit of heart. However, the movie does suffer a bit from its runtime. At over two hours (which most of Apatow's films tend to be), the film drags in a few places, and it's easy to see where the filmmakers could have trimmed a bit of fat to make the feel leaner.

Bridesmaids does an amazing job of showing what a "chick flick" could be, a fun raunchy movie that both men and women can enjoy, instead of the typical formula we see in almost every single other chick flick.



Something Borrowed ★★★★★
Rated PG-13 for sexual content including dialogue, and some drug material



"Bridesmaids" ★★★★★
Rated R for some strong sexuality, and language throughout

Local attorney Travis Tidmore reviews movies for The Pampa News as well as on his blog, www.thecinemaniac.com.

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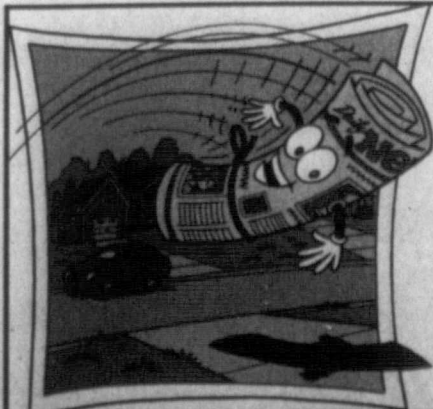
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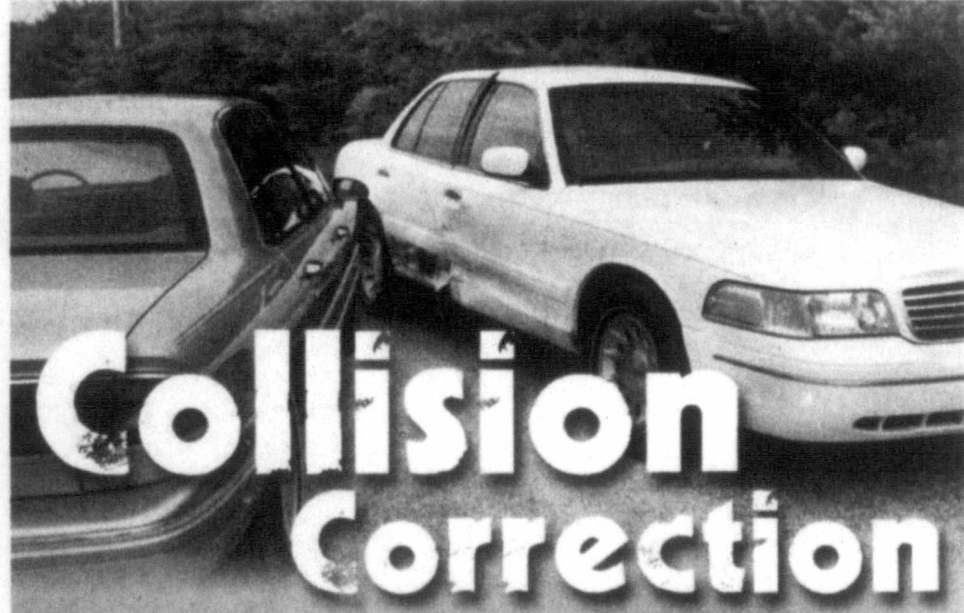
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Sunday in History

Tomorrow is Saturday, May 21, the 141st day of 2011. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1911, during the Mexican Revolution, the Treaty of Ciudad Juarez was signed by President Porfirio Diaz and revolutionary leader Francisco I. Madero; under the agreement, Diaz resigned his office, and ended up living the rest of his life in exile in France.

On this date:

In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, was first performed, in Milan, Italy.

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33-1/2 hours.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after allowing the ship's passengers and crew to board lifeboats.

In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged with a hammer by an apparently deranged man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: The Mitchell Report on Mideast violence called on Palestinians to jail terrorists and Israel to freeze settlement activity. Cardinals from around the world gathered at the Vatican for a three-day meeting to ponder the challenges facing the Roman Catholic Church and who might lead it after Pope John Paul II.

Five years ago: Iraq's new prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki promised to use "maximum force" if necessary to end the brutal insurgent and sectarian violence racking his country.

One year ago: President Barack Obama directed the government to set the first-ever mileage and pollution limits for big trucks and to tighten rules for future cars and SUVs. Citing overwhelming evidence that North Korea sank a South Korean warship, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned the reclusive communist state of consequences.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 70. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 68. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 66. Singer Leo Sayer is 63. Actress Carol Potter is 63. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) is 60. Actor Mr. T is 59. Music producer Stan Lynch is 56. Actor Judge Reinhold is 54. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 52. Actor Brent Briscoe is 50. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 45. Actress Fairuza Balk is 37. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 24. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 21. Actress Sarah Ramos is 20.

Thought for Today: "Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself." — James Stephens, Irish poet and novelist (1882-1950)

Community

CLUB NEWS

PRTA wraps up 2011

The Pampa Retired Teachers Association is wrapping up another successful year.

With 25 to 35 members attending each month, the group has been able to keep in touch and have an active year.

September: Mexican food in September at The Plaza with all the newly retired personnel. Carrol Duncan, District 16 president, informed the new retirees and the members of the status of the organization and the importance of staying informed on the latest legislation concerning education and the retirement system.

October: Doug Ware talked about the Pampa Republican Party.

November: Boys Ranch representative Tom Novak, spoke of the latest improvements and operations at the ranch.

January: Joe Weaver, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber and told his famous short story about a young Texas teenager.

February: 'Past President Tidbits' presented by the club's famous history teacher, Howard Graham.

March: Katy Huff brought a 'Taste of the Irish' to the meeting.

April: Warren Smith presented the group with all the trappings and doings in the creation of the 'Loch Ness' statue.

May - Ken Fields will explain all the details in bringing back home the "Swamp Ghost."

The organization gave 52 books to the Bright Beginnings Center, logged 317,518 steps in the walking exercise program and provided 5420 hours of volunteer service to the community. Sarah Carmichael was tops with the most walking steps. Nancy Coffee had the most volunteer service hours.

The officers for the 2010-2011 year have been Gaylene Skaggs, president; Jana Vinson, vice president; Kathy Flume, secretary; and Roy Sparkman, treasurer. Connie Holland served as Community Volunteer Chairman Jerry Pope served as Health Care Chairman, Howard Graham chaired the Retirement Education Committee with Jane Potts taking care of Member Benefits and Legislation.

LAMAR AWARD WINNERS



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PHS Seniors Aaron Silva (right) and Kaitlyn Grant received the 2011 Mirabeau Bonaparte Lamar awards recently from Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. The awards each come with a \$250 scholarship. Silva and Grant read their winning essays to the lodge members on May 5.

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Panel

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prosecutor, defense attorney and five other forensic science experts. He said the panel's new make-up will make the commission geared more toward expert advice and knowledge of forensics while adding expertise of the courtroom.

The legislation affirms that the commission's role is to determine whether any junk science is used in arson cases, but not to rule on guilt or innocence in the case. A report issued by the commission can't be used as evidence in criminal or civil court.

It now goes to the House for consideration.

Martin graduates

A Pampa resident was among 1,882 students graduating in ceremonies on May 6 and 7 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Michael Anthony Martinez of Pampa received a Master of Arts degree.

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Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, May 16
Pig in a blanket or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, English peas, applesauce, pudding **Breakfast** - breakfast pizza

TUESDAY, May 17
Popcorn shrimp or pizza, spinach, carrot sticks, mixed fruit **Breakfast** - waffle sticks, syrup

WEDNESDAY, May 17
Spaghetti or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, garlic toast **Breakfast** - oatmeal, toast

THURSDAY, May 18
Egg rolls or popcorn chicken, corn, broccoli florets, pineapple tidbits, rice pilaf **Breakfast** - biscuit, sausage patty

FRIDAY, May 19
Cheese pizza or hamburger, French fries, burger salad, pears **Breakfast** - cereal, toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, May 16
Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed vegetable, pineapple

TUESDAY, May 17
Sausage/rice casserole, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread, salad

WEDNESDAY, May 18
Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, apricots

THURSDAY, May 19
Swedish meatballs, over noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce

FRIDAY, May 20
Ham/dressing/ gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, May 16
Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin salad, German chocolate cake, banana pudding, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

TUESDAY, May 17
Hamburger steak or chicken salad, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, applesauce cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

WEDNESDAY, May 17
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian blend, corn—beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, Marble cake, cherry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

THURSDAY, May 18
Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, tator tots, macaroni and tomatoes, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, pistachio cake, vanilla pudding cups, fruit cup, hot roll or cornbread

FRIDAY, May 19
Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or lasagna, potato wedges, steamed broccoli with cheese sauce, beans, slaw, tossed salad, gelatin, devil's food cake, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

Southside Senior Citizens Center

TUESDAY, May 17
Fried chicken, French fries, corn on the cobb, salad, roll, dessert

CLUB NEWS

20th Century Club meets at Hickman home on May 10

The 20th Century Club met at the home of Edna Hickman on May 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

President Pat Terry called the meeting to order, and Gail Cole Martin led the members in the Club Collect, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Ruth Riehart introduced her guest, Mrs. Maxine Hawkins, and roll was taken with members present: Louise Bailey, Gail Cole Martin, Nancy Coffee, Edna Hickman, Mary McDaniel, Myrna Orr, Sue Pribble, Ruth Riehart, Pat Terry and Barbara Vanderpool. Excused were Fay Harvey, Dot Stowers and Cleo Worley.

Minutes will be read at the May 24 meeting due to the secretary's computer being out of commission.

Myrna Orr gave the treasurer's report and reminded members that annual dues will be payable at the next meeting.

Committee reports were heard.

Gail Cole Martin announced that her wedding to Bill Martin had taken place on May 1, 2011 with Dr. Johnny Funderburg officiating. Congratulations were extended by club members.

The club decided to schedule tours on the fourth Tuesdays during the summer months.

The annual coffee will be held in August, with regular meetings commencing in September.

Ruth Riehart gave a report on Lynne Olson's book, Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in its Darkest, Finest Hour and also recommended Masters of the Air by Donald L.

Refreshments were served by hostess Edna Hickman.

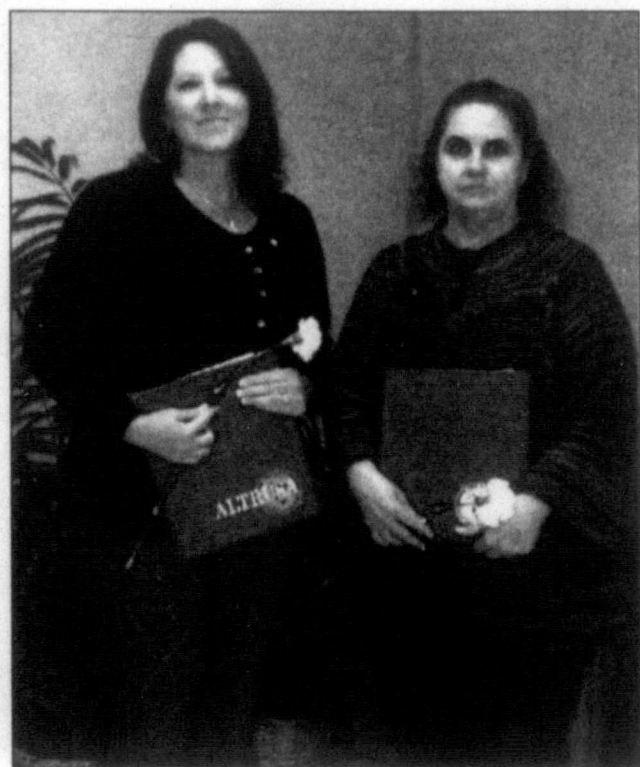
The next meeting will be at the home of Dot Stowers on Tuesday, May 24, with installation of officers followed by a salad luncheon.

Pampa Altrusa Club busy



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Scholarship recipient - Mary Ann Perry (left), is this year's recipient of the Altrusa Geraldine Rumpy Vocational Award, presented by Altrusa Scholarship Chair, Terri Williams. Perry is studying Office Technology at Clarendon College-Pampa Center.



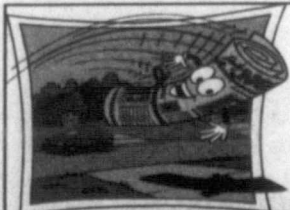
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New members - Melodie Dosch (left) and Debbie Middleton were recently initiated into Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa, TX in a ceremony conducted by Altrusan Mary McDaniel.



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Literacy Project - Altrusans Julia Sparkman (from left) and Kathryn Green with a group of Travis kindergarten students at the end of school party. Altrusans volunteer at the school throughout the school year where they read to the students as a literacy project.

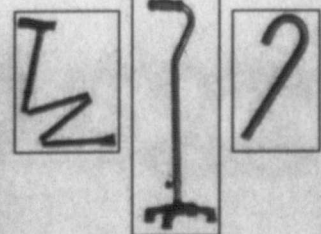


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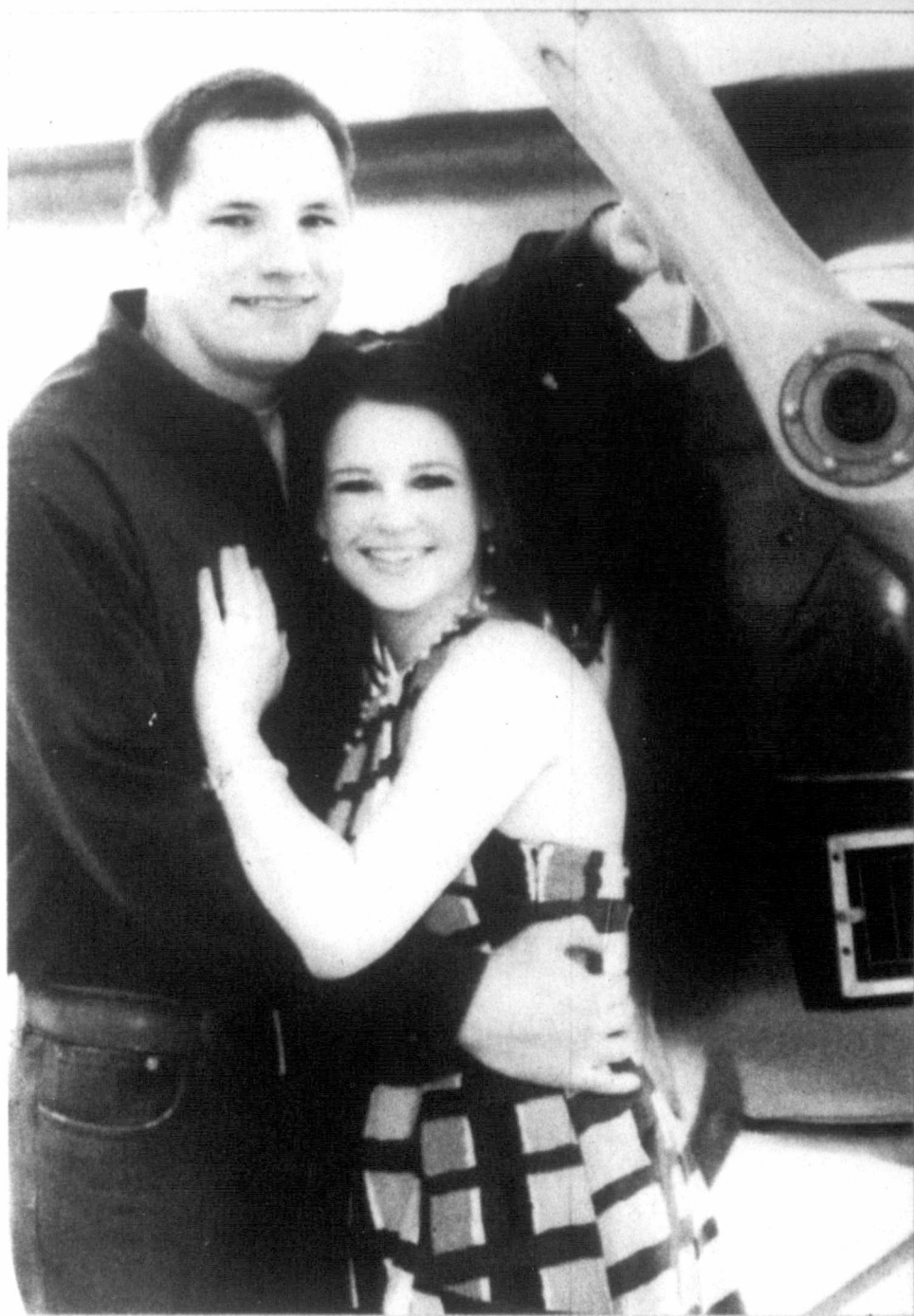
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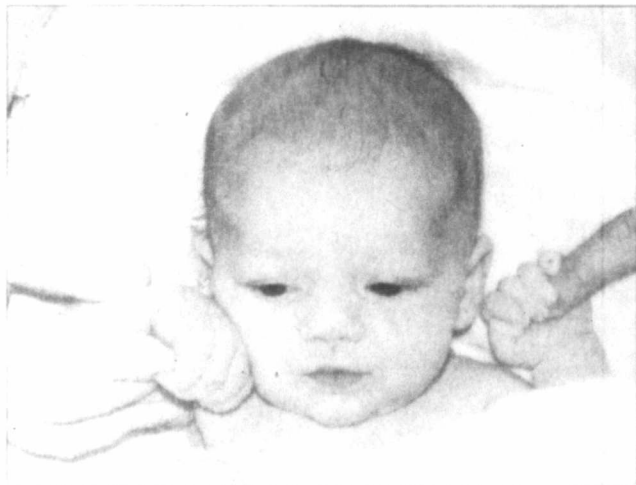
Garnett, Wiley to marry

Tom and Kelly Russell of Inyokern, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie Garnett, of Lubbock, to Gregory Dale Wiley, of Pampa, is the son of

Preston and Cherilyn Wiley of Pampa. A wedding is planned for Saturday, May 28, 2011 in the Watson Building in Lubbock.

BUNDLES OF JOY

Daughter joins Eakin family



Jocelynn Grace Eakin

Jordan and Samantha Eakin of Pampa, announce the birth of their daughter, Jocelynn Grace Eakin, born at 4:28 p.m. on April 18, 2011 at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The baby weighed 6lbs. 6 oz and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Kayelynn Eakin of Deer Park; Rhonda and Leland Taylor of Sundown; and Darrin Eakin of Huntsville.

Great-grandparents are Clara Jewett and Paul and Linn Eakin, all of Pampa; and Archie and Sharron Scott of Levelland.

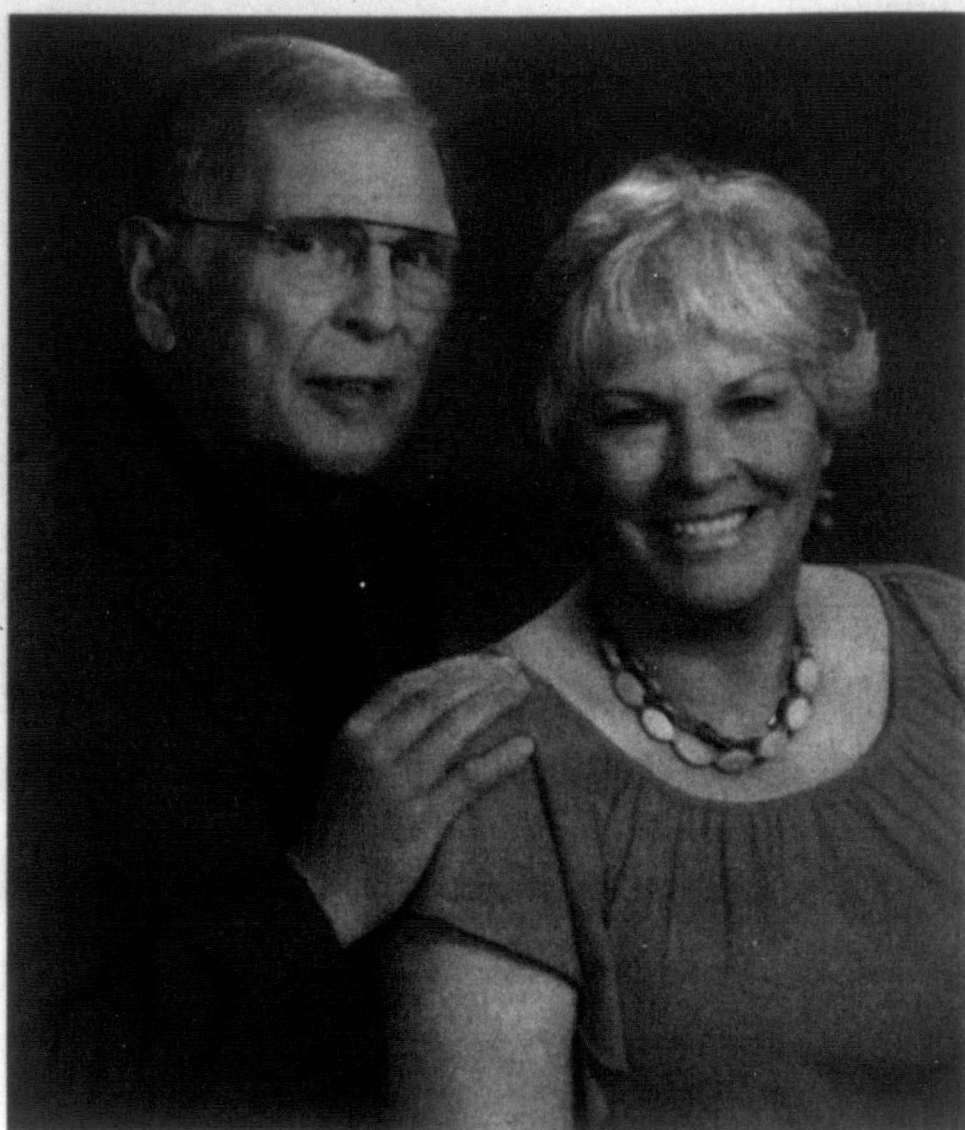
Cole, Martin wed May 1

Gail Cole and Bill Martin were united in holy matrimony at noon on Sunday, May 1.

Cole, of Pampa, and Martin, of Vernon, were wed by Rev. Dr. Johnny Funderburg in a ceremony held in the Pampa First

Baptist Church's pastor's office.

The couple plan to live in Vernon, following a honeymoon trip through Texas — from Houston to Austin to Frdericksburg to El Paso.



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First year in District 1-3A successful for PHS athletics

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters closed the book on their inaugural District 1-3A season. After it was all set and done both teams came away with plenty of hardware.

The boys athletics teams won a district title in basketball. Football and baseball both earned playoff spots. Junior Logan Reagan advanced to regionals in golf. Seven track athletes qualified for the regional meet with Samuel Smith placing seventh in the 100-meter finals. The Harvesters received eight first team All-District selections and five second team and we're still waiting for the baseball and tennis selections.

Against Borger, there were some ups and downs including some off the field. Pampa finished 4-5 against the Bulldogs. Baseball was the only team that lost at home. The basketball team picked up three of the four wins and were the only team to beat the bulldogs at Borger. Tennis picked up the other win. The Bulldogs' only fun wasn't just beating the football and baseball team. Though it may not have been committed by someone from the area, there was three Borger-themed vandalism acts against the Harvesters. Thankfully, no Pampa students took revenge and let their athletes do it on the field. In football and baseball, those pesky guys in red and white advanced farther than anyone in the district.

The Harvesters had their way against the Golden Wolves posting a 6-2 record. The only blemishes were the spread offense being shut down in football and catching us napping in basketball. The baseball team recored four run-rule victories and the basketball team took care of business in the other two games.

Boys athletic director Heath Parker said it was a good season hoping the teams expand upon their performances.

"Any time your teams compete past district is the goal," Parker said. "Then you want to advance. I think we made progress. With the returning players we expect to make deeper playoff runs like the basketball team."

Against the Rangers there was a clear home field advantage. Pampa was 5-1 at home with the only loss being when Perryton spoiled the basketball team's net cutting ceremony. On the road, the basketball and baseball teams were doomed by slow starts.

The girls were strong in their new district, with only the girls basketball team not seeing past district. The volleyball, golf and softball team won district titles. The girls cross country team advanced to regionals with a second-place district finish. Nine track athletes competed at regionals. Fifteen were selected to the all-district first team, and that's not including tennis. Seven earned second team selections.

Against Borger, the Lady Harvesters were dominant. On the court they finished 10-2, but due to a UIL violation by the volleyball team, they finished 9-3. One loss kind of stings since it was in the regional quarterfinals of the volleyball playoffs. The other loss was heartbreaker because it ultimately kept the Lady Harvesters from making the basketball playoffs. Pampa was undefeated at Borger.

The girls basketball team was the only team that lost against Dalhart. The volleyball team beat the Lady Wolves four times including an exciting five-set victory in the regular season finale. The softball team only gave



ANDREW GLOVER

up four runs in its three games.

Against the Rangerettes, the teams were evenly matched. The softball team swept the red and white team but the last two games kept fans at the edge of their seats. Softball also picked up the only victory at Perryton. The volleyball team took two out of three. Though they won the other game they had to forfeit because of the previously mentioned UIL violation.

The nice thing for 2011-12 is some our of teams had small senior classes. Even though some of them had large senior classes, most of our district opponents graduated most of their team. It will give the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters a good chance to continue their reign.

Andrew Glover is the The Pampa News sports reporter. He can be reached by email at aglover@thepampanews.com

How the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters fared vs. District 1-3A

Borger

- Harvesters 4-5, 2-2 at home, 2-3 on the road.
- Lady Harvesters 9-3, 1-2 at home, 6-0 on the road, 2-1 neutral
- Overall 13-8, 3-4 at home, 8-3 on the road, 1-1 neutral

Dalhart

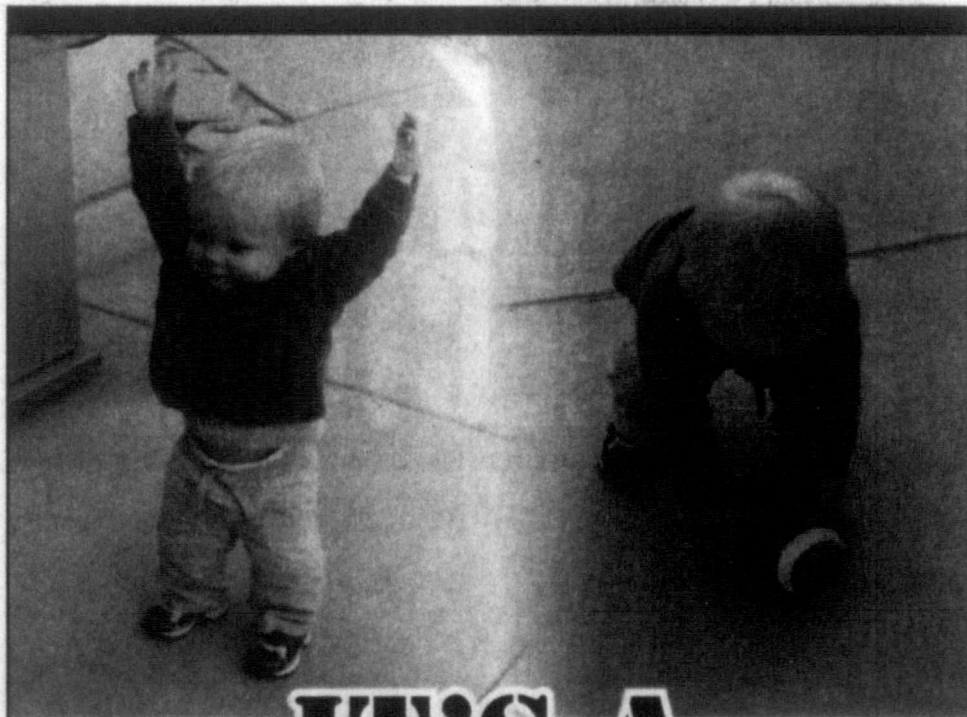
- Harvesters 6-2, 3-0 at home, 3-2 on the road
- Lady Harvesters 7-3, 2-1 at home, 4-2 on the road, 1-0 neutral
- Overall 13-5, 5-1 at home, 7-4 on the road, 1-0 neutral

Perryton

- Harvesters 5-3, 5-1 at home, 0-2 on the road
- Lady Harvesters 5-4, 4-2 at home, 1-2 on the road.
- Overall 10-7, 9-3 at home, 1-4 on the road.



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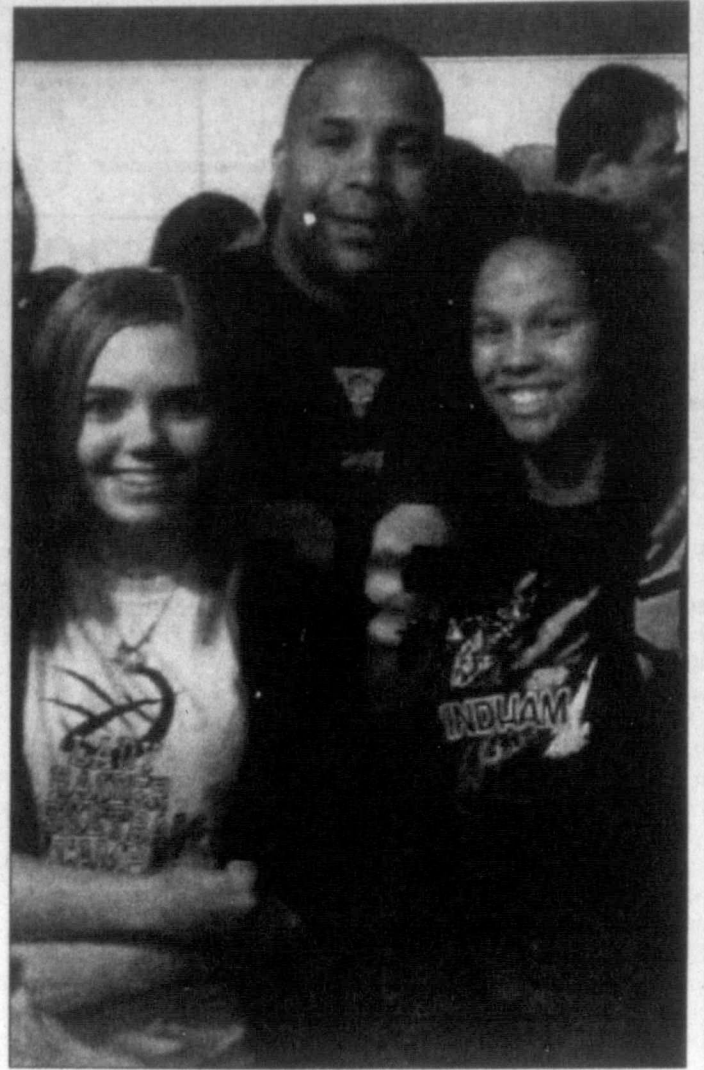
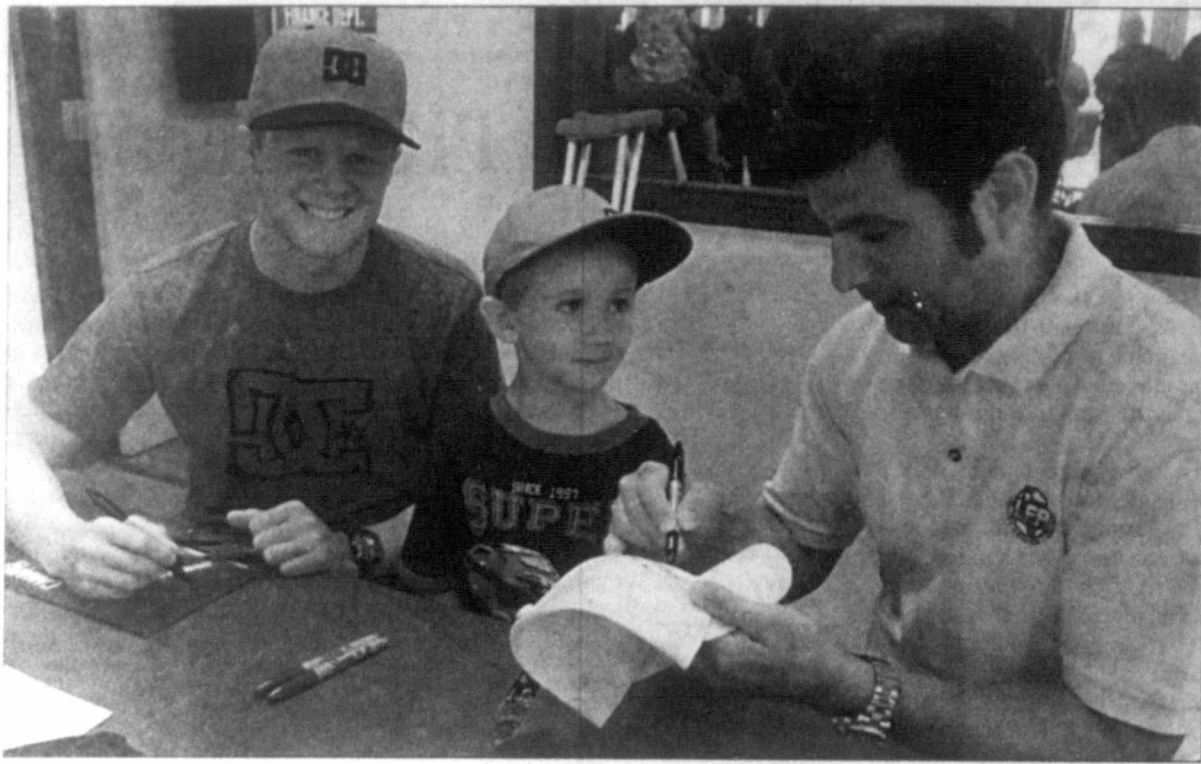
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LEFT: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver David Starr (right), along with Supercross champion Trey Canard (left), signs a baseball cap for 6-year-old James Towles at Fenton Motors. Canard pilots a factory Honda-sponsored by Fenton Motors, while Starr, drives a Sprint Cup Ford for the part-time Wayne Fenton Racing Team. **RIGHT:** Retired New York Giant and motivational speaker Kevin Davis poses with Casey Stark (left) and Jazmyn Hair after speaking at Pampa High School this past week.

NFL LOCKOUT CONTINUES

Pro football players hit weight rooms during NFL labor fight

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — A pair of three-pound, fluorescent green dumbbells ordinarily wouldn't be intimidating for a professional athlete or any guy in a gym.

But a different story at Power Train Sports Institute.

Trainer Steve Saunders, founder and CEO of Power Train, and his staff make simple exercises a grueling task for their clients, which include a lengthy list of NFL players.

With the lockout dragging into a third month, players are finding their own ways to stay in shape. Several members of the Philadelphia Eagles, including Pro Bowl cornerback Michael Vick and star wide receiver Jeremy Maclin, have been working out with Saunders this offseason at his South Jersey location. It just so happens

I've lifted weights for years and work out there, too, giving me a chance to see from the inside how Saunders helps some real athletes.

"When I came in and saw what he does, I knew this was the place to get you ready for whatever you needed," Maclin said. "His main focus and the thing that he does is prevention, and everything has a time and a pace. They do a good job of working body parts and muscles that you don't normally work."

That's where those tiny, bright-colored dumbbells come in. When Saunders tells someone to grab them, there's a lot of trepidation. Lying face down on an incline bench, the person holding the dumbbells shrugs his shoulders up, extends his arms outward and stays parallel to the ground. Then, while maintaining the extension, he

brings his hands forward in front of his face, never letting his arms drop below his head. This is usually one of the last exercises in an upper-body session.

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"He's been tough on me since I got here and that's exactly what I've been needing," said Atlanta Falcons linebacker Sean Weatherspoon, who traveled from Texas to work with Saunders. "My arms have never felt the way they felt. Once I go against these centers and the guys inside, I feel I'll be punching a lot more efficiently. I look forward to seeing that. I look forward to getting back to work whenever they call us."

It might be a while as the labor situation unfolds in the courts. For now, Weatherspoon and other players have to

get ready for the season on their own. Weatherspoon moved in with Maclin, his college roommate at Missouri, a month ago. So did St. Louis Rams wide receiver Danario Alexander, who also went to Missouri.

"I wanted to change the scenery and see what Steve has to offer," said Weatherspoon, who had been working out at Plex, a training facility in Houston. "I heard a lot about Steve. I knew he trained James Harrison, Hines Ward and a lot of the Steelers and a lot of the Eagles, so I wanted to get up here and see how they do it."

Saunders has four other gyms, all in Pennsylvania. Several Steelers train with him at his Pittsburgh facility. Harrison, a three-time All-Pro linebacker, has worked with Saunders for more than five years.

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Sports

Glo-Valve Service overwhelms Panhandle 18-1

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

With Justin Beck and Braydon Fry leading the hitting and Thomas Costley having a perfect night at the plate, Glo-Valve Service overwhelmed Panhandle 18-1 in Panhandle Thursday in Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League play.

Beck and Fry each had two hits, a run and one RBI. Costley had a hit and a walk, two runs and three stolen bases.

Brendon Woelfle earned the win allowing one unearned run and no hits. He

walked two and struck out two. Garrett Ely pitched two perfect innings for Glo-Valve striking out four. Chase Voss pitched an inning striking out one and walking one without a hit or run. Colby Neeley, Mason Reynolds and James Rogers pitched for Panhandle.

Glo-Valve jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the top of the first on lead-off double by Woelfle, singles by Fry and Matthew Wheeler, two errors, two walks and two batters reaching first after a dropped third strike. Panhandle got a run back in

the bottom of the inning on two walks, a catcher's interference and an error.

In the second inning, five walks, two hit batters, an error and hits by Clay Baten and Beck produced six more runs. An error, a single by Costley, two walks and singles by Beck and Fry pushed in three more runs in the third. In the fourth, a walk to Voss, two wild pitches and a sacrifice fly by Ely produced the final run.

Kade Parker made a difficult catch of a fly ball in right field looking into the

sun for an outstanding defensive play for Glo-Valve. Logan Martindale caught a runner stealing for another Glo-Valve defensive gem.

Glo-Valve improved to 6-2 for the season.

Panhandle will challenge Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Monday at 5:45 p.m. at Optimist Park while Cabot Corporation and Glo-Valve clash at 7:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Six-run first inning carries Cree Oil past DE Chase 15-3

AMY NELSON

Special to The Pampa News

Cree Oil struck early and defeated DE Chase 15-3 Monday at Optimist Park.

In the top of the first, Cree Oil scored six runs. DE Chase responded with two runs but Tyler Powell threw out a run-

ner at home to get out of the inning. Cree Oil expanded their lead in the second and led 7-2. Roy Nelson made a diving catch over second base to record an out in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the third, Cree Oil piled on. Solon Wilson hit a triple to center. Chance Douglas followed with a double driving in two runs. Ryan Powell

drove in the last run of the inning with a base hit to right. Cree Oil held DE Chase scoreless in the bottom of the inning. Douglas made a catch in center to record the first out. Tyler Powell picked off a runner stealing third to record another out.

Both teams scored a run in the fourth. Nelson tripled in the top of the inning

to spark Cree Oil's scoring. DE Chase scored on an inside-the-park home run by Joseph Slatten. In the top of the fifth, Cree Oil scored four runs including an inside-the-park home run by Douglas. Tyler Powell closed out the game by striking out the side.

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Pampa Recreation League

SPRING KICKBALL STANDINGS

MIXED D1	Conf.	Overall
Carter Sand & Gravel	6-1	9-1
Frank's Hardware	5-2	6-4
All About You	2-5	4-6
Bumble Bee's	1-6	1-9

MIXED D2	Conf.	Overall
Win or Lose - We Still Booze	6-0	10-0
Sandy's Pub	4-2	7-3
OCB	4-2	5-5
The Spider Monkeys	1-5	2-8
Black Oil & Gas	0-6	1-9

SPRING SOFTBALL STANDINGS

MIXED D1	Conf.	Overall
Hoggatt Transmission	6-0	10-0
SWM	4-2	7-3
Sears	3-3	5-5
FBI	2-4	3-7
Premier Well Service	0-6	0-10

MIXED D2	Conf.	Overall
This-n-That/State Farm	6-0	9-1
Comac Well Service	4-2	8-2
Brock	3-3	5-5
First Presbyterian	2-4	2-8
Nat'l Oilwell Varco	0-6	1-9

Optimist Baseball

MONDAY	Score
Nat'l Oilwell (5-1)	8
Kiwanis Club	3

W - Anthony Ontiveros (2 IP, 4 K, 1 BB)
L - Ethan Lemke (4 1/3 IP, 9 K, 9 BB)

PITCHING - NOV: T. Shackett 1 IP, 3 K; E. Boyd 1 IP, 2 K, 2 BB.
OFFENSE - NOV: J. Clark 2 H, 1 R; A. Ontiveros 1 H, 2 R; T. Shackett 1 H; E. Boyd 2 BB, 2 R.
KC - J. Avila 1 H, 1 BB, 1 R; E. Lemke 1 H, 1 2B, 1 R; K. Brotherton 1 H; B. Danner 1 BB, 1 R.

TUESDAY

First Bank Southwest (2-2-1)..... 8
Nat'l Oilwell (5-1)..... 6

W - Chism Henderson (3 IP, 8 K, 9 BB)
L - Teryn Shackett (3 IP, 8 K, 5 BB)
S - Cody Smith (1 IP, 3 K, 1 BB)
OFFENSE - FBSW: C. Henderson 1 H, 1 3B, 1 R; G. Anderson 1 H, 1 BB, 2 R; J. Ware 1 H, 1 R; T. Mann 1 H, 1 R; J. Demaroney 1 R, 1 BB; S. Langley 1 BB, 1 R.
NOV: Z. Arnzen 2 H, 1 R; J. Clark 1 H, 1 R; A. Ontiveros 1 H, 2 BB, J. Estrada, 1 H, 1 R; T. Shackett, 3 BB, 1 R; S. Reeve 2 BB, 1 R; E. Boyd, 2 BB, 1 R.

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MAY 17 Tuesday
• Recreation Softball Division One, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex

MAY 18 Wednesday
• Hidden Hills Senior Scramble
• Recreation Kickball Division Two, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex

MAY 19 Thursday
• Recreation Softball Division Two, games start at 7 p.m., Softball Complex

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MAY 21 Saturday
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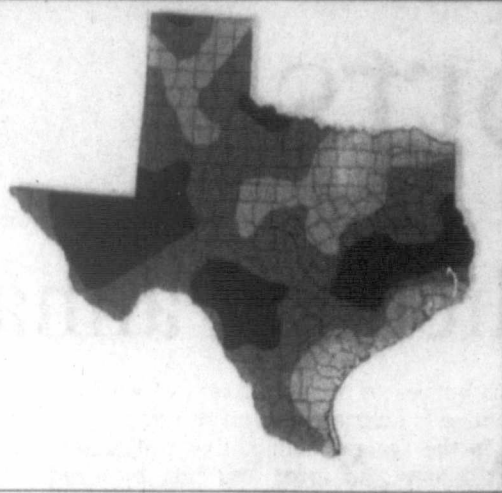


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According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, about 26 percent of the state of Texas is an exceptional drought

Crop, forage production 'pretty much shut down'

ROBERT BURNS
Texas AgriLife Extension Office

COLLEGE STATION — Crop and forage production has "pretty much shut down" due to severe to exceptional drought conditions, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service statewide crop expert.

"If you look at the U.S. drought monitor, about 26 percent of the state of Texas is an exceptional drought," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension program leader and associate department head of the soil and crop sciences department, College Station.

"Exceptional," means it is a one-in-50-year occurrence, Miller explained.

Much of the rest of the state was in what's classified as moderate, severe, or extreme drought. The distinctions are being based largely on how much damage and losses are expected to crops, forage production, livestock and water sources, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor classification scheme, details of which can be found at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/classify.htm>.

There were scattered pockets — mainly in north central Texas — that got some substantial rain a few weeks ago, Miller noted.

"But statewide, it's a pretty grim picture," he said. "And it's not just Texas; it's New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and parts of Arkansas. It's an exceptional drought across a big area."

Corn along the Gulf Coast is stunted and tasselling early, Miller said. "It's in a lot of trouble."

Blacklands/Central Texas corn, though planted later, is in much the same shape, he said.

"We're seeing leaves twisting (from heat/moisture stress) by midday," he said.

Much of the Texas wheat crop has failed as well, Miller said.

"Probably in the order of 50 to 60 percent of the wheat crop won't be harvested," he said.

From a national standpoint, Texas is a "minor player" in feed grains, he said. But Texas typically plants about half the cotton acreage in the U.S., so a large-scale crop failure there could have an impact on prices, Miller said.

Cotton is typically planted later than corn, and cotton growers ran into dry soil conditions as the planting window opened. As a result, Miller said, a very small percentage of the total cotton crop, under 20 percent, has been planted to date.

"The High Plains is right in the middle of their planting season," he said. "They normally plant up to the first week of June. The dryland farmers are waiting for rain. The irrigated farmers have spent a lot of money and pumped a lot of water, and we're seeing some planting in irrigated conditions."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

PANHANDLE:

The region was hot, rainless and windy. The danger of wildfire remained high. Most corn planting was finished. Farmers were steadily irrigating to keep up with the water demand of crops. Planting of cotton, and peanuts was ongoing. Rangeland was in very poor condition. There was very little green-up in pastures. Cattle were in good condition with continual supplemental feeding.

ROLLING PLAINS:

Some areas received from a few tenths of an inch to 2 inches of rain, but overall the region remained dry. Temperatures hovering near 100 degrees and high winds dissipated much of the received moisture. Ranchers were pro-



viding supplemental feed to livestock on a daily basis. Some began to sell livestock due to the lack of grazing. On some dryland farms, producers readied to prepare fields for the upcoming crop year only to find the ground was too hard to plow. Some producers stated that if they did not receive a rain soon, they would just plant on flat ground instead of listing, therefore minimizing the number of trips across the field. With high fuel prices, more and more producers were looking at this option. Wheat producers were expected to begin harvesting within the next week to 10 days. In some counties hay is in short supply, and producers were not planting Sudan because of dry conditions. Wildfires were contained, and no new ones were reported. Burn bans remained in effect for most counties.

SOUTH PLAINS:

The region continued to be very dry, windy and hot. Planting was slow to be started, and then only in irrigated fields. Most farmers

were waiting for rain — and the potential for freezing weather to pass. Temperatures in Lubbock County ranged from a low on May 3 of 32 degrees to a high on May 7 of 99 degrees. There was possible freeze-damage to wheat crops in Bailey County on May 3. Livestock producers were still providing supplemental feed because lack of rain has kept spring grass from emerging. Early planted crops showed little growth. Dryland conditions are such that any field operations would cause soil erosion from incessant winds. Pre-irrigation of fields for planting continued with little headway gained.

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Jason Rexroth an M.D. OB-GYN recommends chiropractic as an alternative. He says, "I am very familiar with the chiropractic approach to health care. As an OB-GYN, I know chiropractic care is the best treatment for common backaches and joint problems experienced by many women during pregnancy. I refer all my patients to doctors of chiropractic for these symptoms. As we all

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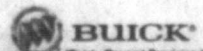
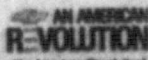


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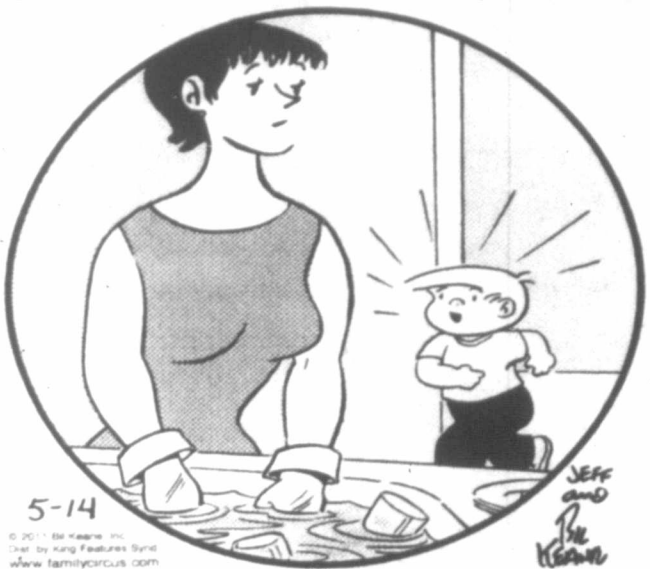
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



5-14

"Mommy, how does sky-diving camp sound as a good summer activity?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 16, 2011

This year, you often are drawn in by the charm and caring of others. You, too, have many of those same qualities. You could opt to express your compassion through volunteer work or involvement with a key organization. You express your essence well in crowds and make a strong impression. If you are single, many people cannot stay away from you, as you have unusual magnetism and a unique style. Relationships have an explosive quality. Give yourself a full year before committing. If you are attached, your magnetism is attractive to your significant other. Enjoy! **SCORPIO** can be quite challenging.

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)

★★★★ You work well with others; however, whether intentional or not, a haze weaves around your words and actions. Perceptions also could be off. Do some reality checking. Seek out new information. Postpone any major decisions. Tonight: Visit with a friend over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Ultimately, no sign is as grounded or as practical as the Bull. That commodity will be in demand. Others seek you out with vague or challenging requests. Put on your brightest smile and deal with the issue at hand. A get-together could be very rewarding. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ An easy, relaxed pace allows greater give-and-take between you and another person. You might wonder exactly why a boss seems so out there or ethereal. Don't question too much; accept the present state of affairs. Otherwise, you could feel pressured to do more. Tonight: Choose a relaxing pastime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your intuition works overtime as you home in on the basics. Logic might not support an emotional conclusion. Many people might determine that too much is going on for their taste and might feel confused. Tonight: Express yourself as only you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might experience some difficulty as you attempt to connect on a

deep level. A partner might be less than responsive in how he or she speaks to and approaches you. Observe rather than react. You will get a sense of what is going on. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others clearly are in charge. How you handle their attitude (when there appears to be one) could define not only your day, but also the outcome of a personal matter. Listen rather than put out terms. Tonight: Go along with someone's idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Focus on one task at a time. You might have difficulty reining in your imagination. Great ideas, or at least amusing thoughts, keep popping up out of nowhere. Kick back and understand what you want to accomplish in the long term. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Let your intuition take over, whether dealing with a creative project, a child or a new love interest. Your instincts serve you well. Your willingness to discuss your feelings also counts. Let another person have the same opportunity. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ Focus on your roots, home life and investments. Before you go off with a wild and maybe crazy scheme, relax. A little caution goes a long way right now. Be willing to express your deeper feelings. Tonight: Be comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be far more diplomatic and graceful than you think. You come through with flying colors, whether in a heated argument, a lecture or simply writing a note. Your words are heard. Tonight: Do something imaginative or romantic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Be sensitive to your finances, but do nothing that would depreciate who you are to others. Assets often go way past the realm of money. They can include a talent, skill or something as simple as helping others to feel relaxed. Tonight: Indulge a little. Enjoy the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might seem vague to others. You feel euphoric and are trying to express that feeling. Remain open to different people's take on a situation. Just the same, don't be left holding the bag right now. Responsibilities could become a drag.

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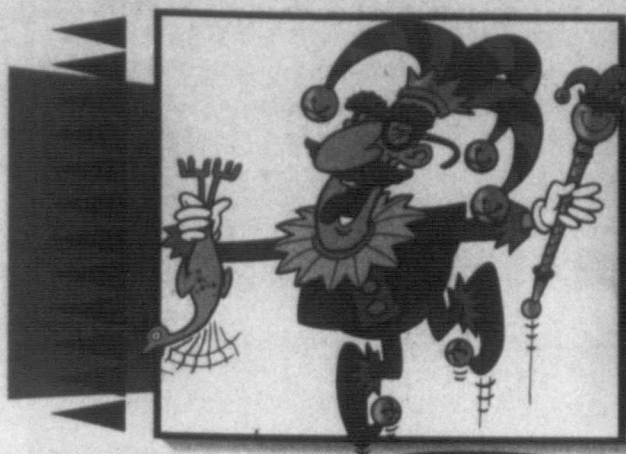


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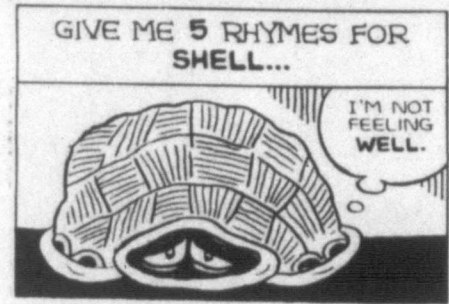
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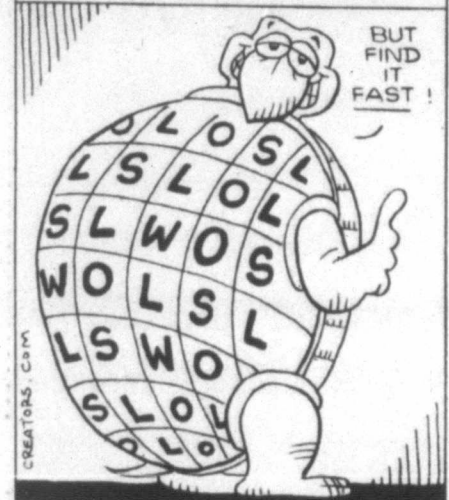
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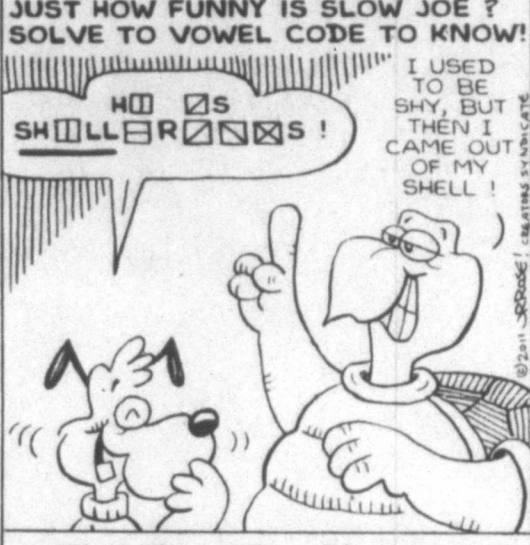


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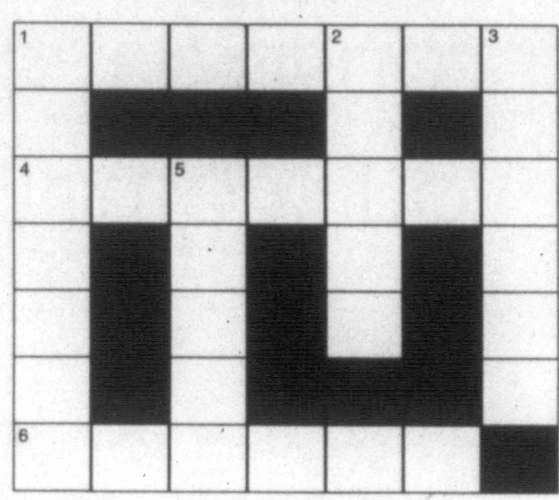


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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Small piece of toasted bread
 - Plant of the daisy family
 - Consuming
- DOWN**
- Unit of heat energy
 - Come into contact with an object
 - Required
 - Browned bread

HEALTH FACT:

THIS LOW-CALORIE FOOD COMES IN DOZENS OF VARIETIES AND IS RICH IN VITAMINS A AND C AS WELL AS IRON AND CALCIUM.

ANSWER: LETTUCE

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Salad
SPANISH: Ensalada
ITALIAN: Insalata
FRENCH: Salade
GERMAN: Salat

Did You Know?

EATING SALAD BEFORE A MEAL CAN HELP A PERSON FEEL FULL AND AVOID OVEREATING.

ASK SHAGG

BY PETER GUREN

Dear Shagg, Is the star-nosed mole blind?

Tiana Small, Columbus, OH

THE STAR-NOSED MOLE HAS GOT EYES, BUT HE CAN HARDLY SEE.

IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT HE'S BLIND.

HE JUST CAN'T SEE AROUND THAT BIG, STUPID STAR ON HIS NOSE.

WILL SOMEBODY TURN ON THE LIGHTS?

YEA MISSED.

THE HORNED OWL HAS A POOR SENSE OF SMELL, BUT HE CAN SMELL... ESPECIALLY AFTER TRYING TO GRAB A SKUNK.

SHAGG'S ANIMAL ALMANAC

THE HORNED OWL HAS A POOR SENSE OF SMELL, BUT HE CAN SMELL... ESPECIALLY AFTER TRYING TO GRAB A SKUNK.

YEA MISSED.

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Word Search — Skin Smarts

Cancer Examination Melanoma Precaution Skin
Cover Light Mole Protection Ultraviolet
Dermatologist Melanin Pigment Shade

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MANY WORDS ARE HIDDEN IN THIS PUZZLE, HOWEVER, YOUR TASK IS ONLY TO TRAVEL ALONG THE BAMBOO FRAMEWORK AND FIND TWO WORDS OF OPPOSITE MEANING. BOTH WORDS MAY START AND END ANYWHERE, BUT EACH LETTER AND BAMBOO CONNECTOR MAY ONLY BE UTILIZED ONCE. BOTH WORDS MUST CONTAIN EXACTLY 6 LETTERS. CRISSCROSSING BAMBOO CONNECTORS DO NOT INTERSECT.

STATEMENTS

ACROSS

- Unreasonable fright
- Swindle
- Par
- Verdi's forte
- Singer McEntire
- Dies
- Lay waste
- French composer
- Sicilian landmark
- Golfer's concern
- Patron saint of France
- Evening, in Milan
- Leaving a will
- Kind of test or paper
- Up in the air
- Late
- Glacial field
- High note
- Medieval tale
- Comprehend
- 1932 Crawford film
- Pertinent
- Naval off.
- 1979 Oscar winner
- One-in-fifty status

DOWN

- School of whales
- Primates
- 1945 Rodgers and Hammerstein film
- With anger
- Keel: L.
- Theater sign
- Yield
- Aids in wrongdoing
- Majestic
- Zlich
- Spoken
- Indian queen
- Ancient Iranian
- Robbery
- Garb of 12 Down
- Old Norse poet
- Gov. bureau
- Rows
- D sharp equivalent
- Arrowroot
- Speak inaccurately
- Hives
- Edgar Bergen creation
- Nutritional regimes
- Web
- Religious renegade
- Taj
- British farce
- Ring holders
- Wading birds
- '60 Minutes' newsmen
- Small emporium
- Talk show host
- Gab
- Jazz vocal form
- German river
- Actress Susan
- Authorizes
- Hosp. areas

Crossword Puzzle Answers

ACROSS

- CRUST
- TOUCH
- LETUCE
- CRUTON
- TOAST
- EATING

DOWN

- ENERGY
- CONTACT
- REQUIRED
- TOAST
- BROWNED
- LETUCE

Word Search Answers

Cancer, Examination, Melanoma, Precaution, Skin, Cover, Light, Mole, Protection, Ultraviolet, Dermatologist, Melanin, Pigment, Shade

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★ ★ ★ **sunday horoscope**

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 15, 2011: This year, you could feel pressured by others, not sure how much is too much to give. Some of you might feel the inverse -- that you need to do more. There will be a juggling of different priorities. Guilt (not giving enough) and resentment (giving too much) could become strong issues. Only you can juggle and decide what level is right for you. If you are single, you will want to relate actively, and you might have several opportunities to do just that. If you are attached, the two of you could be juggling the very basis of your relationship. **SCORPIO** can be challenging.

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) ★★★★★ Togetherness is your theme as you learn to deal with a significant difference of opinion. You feel good and unusually creative. Your fiery temperament could be an obstacle, should you unleash it! Discipline counts. Tonight: Indulge a partner.
This Week: Work with others individually as the Full Moon crests. Reach out for more facts.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Share your

free time with not just a partner but also with friends and family. You might want to invite others over for a get-together, depending on what you like to do. If you note your temperature rising, step back. You might ruin an otherwise good time. Tonight: All smiles.
This Week: Defer to others. You might not really have a choice!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Pace yourself carefully, as you are tired and withdrawn. Your friends simply want to be with you. Say "no" if you are too tired to enjoy anyone. Honor your needs. If you are suppressing feelings, you could be more tired than usual. Tonight: Early to bed.
This Week: Get as much done as possible Monday. Others will be knocking on your door all week.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ How you live and the choices you make really is your business, and only yours. Many people will have their own opinions. Get together with friends; go off and play golf, softball or any other fun physical activity. Tonight: Carry on as if there is no tomorrow.
This Week: Let your imagination run the show until late Tuesday. Then hard reality could hit.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Listen to your thoughts and what you want. Spend time with family or close to home. You need extra R and R. Recognize your limits rather than test them. The end result could be far different and a lot better. Tonight: Happy at home.
This Week: A major happening gets you moving quickly Tuesday. Your ability to problem-solve could save the day.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Chat and

ask questions in an easy, relaxing tone. News from someone at a distance could disrupt your plans. A partner or loved one comes up with many suggestions that could work. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.
This Week: Speak your mind and ask good questions. The information coming forth is worth a listen.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Indulge others. Everyone likes to be treated sometimes. Your happy style and positive way help make everyone feel at home. Nevertheless, someone complains or appears to have a grievance. Tonight: Order in.
This Week: Curb spending and get information. The investment or purchase you might make Monday could be a lot different by Thursday.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You wake up feeling as if you have a new lease on life. Confusion surrounds a loved one or several people. You might veer in a new direction when you least expect it. Different points of view are natural. Don't let an argument develop. Tonight: Relish the moment.
This Week: Go with the flow and trust yourself. Curb wild spending, as you could be prone to overindulge.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. Realize what is occurring right in front of your very eyes. Internalize what you are seeing and decide what you want to do. Go off to the movies. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.
This Week: Beginning Tuesday, you enter your peak days of the month. Make decisions accordingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Join friends. You might find someone quite distracted or withdrawn. Perhaps this person needs and wants more attention from you. A child or loved one could feel neglected as well. Share your day more openly. Tonight: You create fun wherever you go.
This Week: Use Monday and from Thursday on well. The planets will be rooting for you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Someone you respect and care about could have very different ideas from you. It might be causing you to feel pressured. Certainly you have a lot to consider, but for now, just enjoy the company of this person. Tonight: Do some hard thinking.
This Week: Your diligence pays off quickly, as you will see.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could open up to new possibilities without even trying. You are up for adventure and trying something very different. Be spontaneous and imaginative. Let everything else fall into place. Tonight: Follow the music.
This Week: Seek out the big picture. You might have to carry the burden of fulfilling an idea.

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BROADEST + I
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CAVERNOUS + P
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LEGISLATE + T
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Yesterday's Answer: SINCERE, PERSONA, DRAPERY, FIREMAN

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rogue longest
 - 6 Makes river invalid
 - 11 Off limits
 - 12 Following
 - 13 Permit
 - 14 United Nations goal
 - 15 Sawmill machine
 - 17 Tall tale
 - 18 Designer Claiborne
 - 19 Like some engines
 - 22 Hot time in Paris
 - 23 Measure of astronaut stress
 - 24 Stellar hunter
 - 25 Debt medium
 - 27 Turn sharply
 - 30 Breaks away
 - 31 The lot
 - 32 Movie computer
 - 33 Geometric diamonds
 - 35 Rework
 - 38 Waned
 - 39 Knightley of "Atonement"
- DOWN**
- 1 Basic need
 - 2 Coin-flipping command
 - 3 Burning company
 - 4 Night light?
 - 5 Utility network
 - 6 Bigwig, briefly
 - 7 Unbroken patron
 - 8 Slanted type
 - 9 Compliant treat
 - 10 Dulcet
 - 16 Oil
 - 20 Volume setting?
 - 21 Fancy vase
 - 24 Pindar work
 - 25 Library
 - 26 Sweet
 - 27 Malawi neighbor
 - 28 Writer Camus
 - 29 Moves smoothly
 - 30 Tremble
 - 34 Bassoon's kin
 - 36 Favoring
 - 37 Old salt

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Yesterday's answer

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: From time to time, my husband and I are asked by some friends to dine out with them. However, the wife does some things that make us very uncomfortable. She prides herself on being friendly and outgoing. When we're in a restaurant, she'll go from table to table and engage in conversations with people she doesn't know. She'll ask where they're from, what they've ordered, etc. Once, she eavesdropped while the people at the next table discussed what they were ordering and gave them her opinion on what they should "really" order. It progressed to her joining them for a short time at their table for further conversation.

While I appreciate that she's trying to impress us, it embarrasses my husband and me. How do we handle the situation without telling her, making her feel bad and putting a strain on our friendship? We don't enjoy dining out with them like we used to. Are we overreacting, or is this bad manners? — MORTIFIED IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR MORTIFIED: If you and your husband are dinner guests, the lady should be devoting her attention to you and not the other diners in the restaurant. To leave you and go table-hopping is rude.

However, to call her on it would be equally rude. So, because you don't enjoy dining out with them the way you used to, do it less often and it will be less upsetting.

DEAR ABBY: How can we convince our married daughter with children to seek a separation or divorce from her husband, who is physically, mentally and economically abusive to her and the kids? We believe she's suffering from low self-esteem, depression and other issues she can't resolve with him.

She has had to borrow what little money we can spare to buy food, school clothing and other basics. Her husband believes she should be working, taking care of an infant and an older child, paying for day care, half the bills and mortgage. Abby, this man has an income in the lower six figures!

We suggested therapy, but it was ignored. He blames everything on her. There is so much more to this story, but it would take up 10 of your columns. Please help. — DESPERATE DAD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DESPERATE: A lawyer could point out to your daughter that she lives in a community property state, and half of what her husband has accumulated during the

marriage is hers. A social worker could warn her that abuse doesn't remain static, that it can escalate to violence if it hasn't already. Statistics could illustrate that men who abuse their wives often go on to abuse their children. There is much that could be done, but not until or unless your daughter is willing to admit to herself that she is the victim of spousal abuse and take action.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Kay" — who is in her 50s — dresses like she's in her teens or 20s. Don't get me wrong, she looks great. She exercises several hours a day to keep in shape and follows a strict diet.

Kay wears spaghetti-strap shirts and short skirts in the summer, and bikinis to sunbathe. I understand that she wants to show off her body, but is there a way to direct her to more age-appropriate clothing? Or am I in the wrong here? — PRIM AND PROPER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR PRIM AND PROPER: You are well-intentioned, but if you are wise, you will refrain from giving your mother-in-law any unasked-for fashion advice. How she dresses is her business, not yours, and I seriously doubt your comments would be welcomed.

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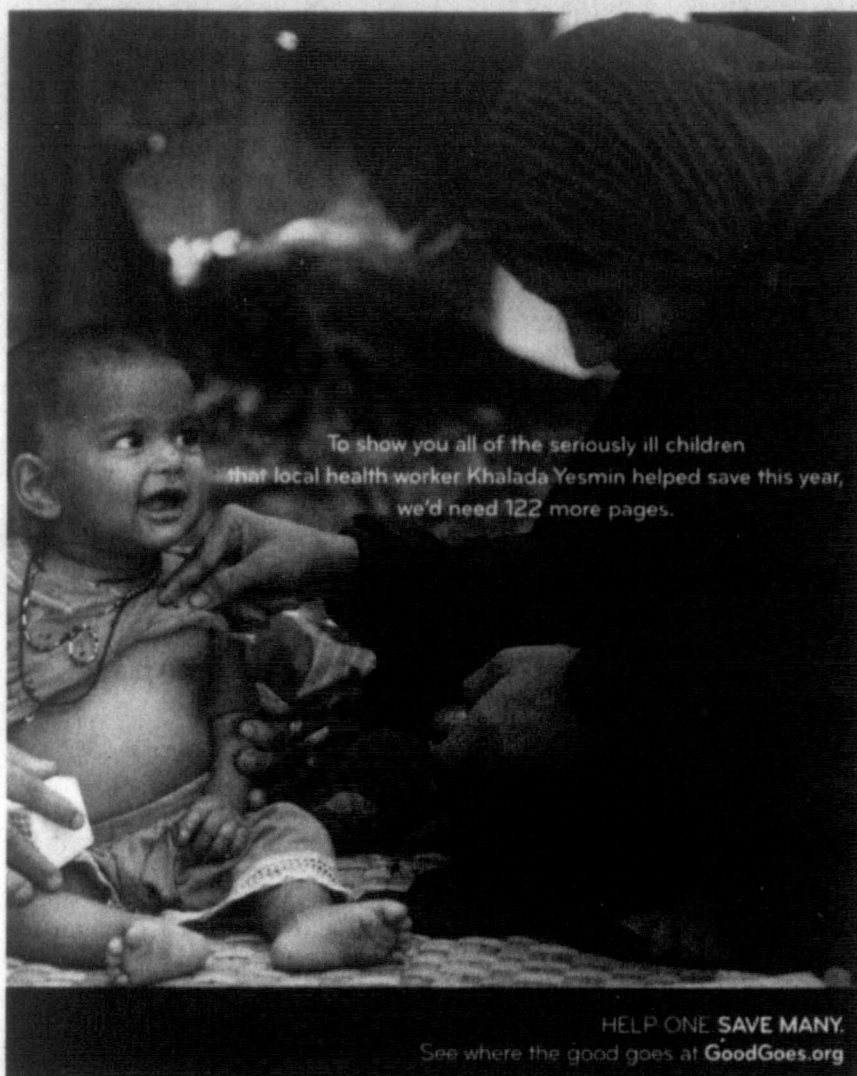
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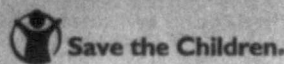
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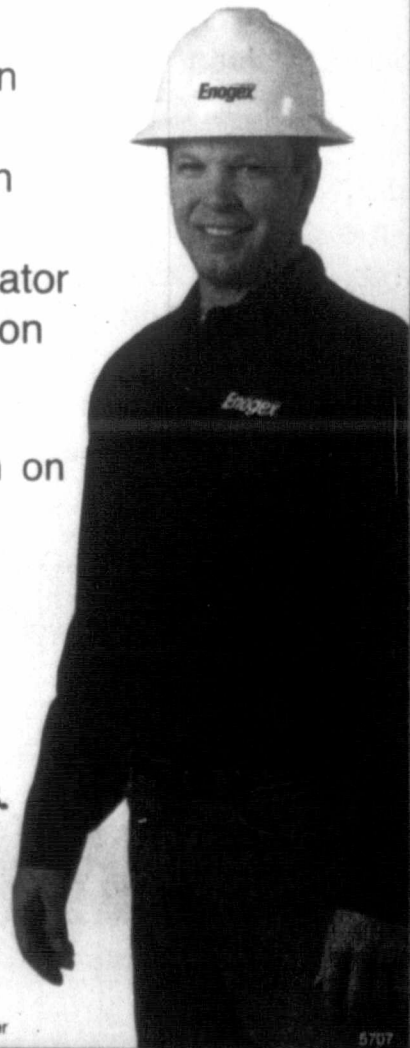
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