

WORLD NEWS

Brazil lays out nuclear plans
BRASILIA, Brazil — Brazil and the IAEA are at loggerheads over an energy agency demand for unimpeded access to a factory that produces nuclear fuel. Brazil has indicated that it wants less stringent standards than the IAEA is seeking.

All eyes on Aussie election
SYDNEY — In three days, Australians will choose as their leader either one of President Bush's closest allies in the Iraq war or a politician who says the U.S. leader is the most dangerous and incompetent president in living memory.

Chavez may talk to U.S.
CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez's administration "is willing to talk" with the United States to improve relations between Caracas and Washington, Venezuela's vice president said Tuesday.

Interpol focuses on terrorism
CANCUN, Mexico — Interpol has compiled a database of 6,000 suspected terrorists and 4 million stolen travel documents that could be used in terror activities. Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble told law enforcement officials Tuesday.

Report: No progress in Sudan
UNITED NATIONS — The top U.N. envoy to Sudan said Tuesday the Sudanese government has failed to improve security for the embattled people in Darfur or to bring justice to the perpetrators of atrocities during the 19-month conflict.

Iran says it increased missile range
TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Tuesday its missiles now have a range of more than 1,200 miles, a substantial extension of their previously declared range. The old version of Iran's Shahab-3 missile had a range of 810 miles, capable of reaching Israel and various U.S. military bases in the Middle East.

Troop redeployment delayed
SEOUL, South Korea — The United States will withdraw a total of 12,500 troops from South Korea by 2008, delaying its original plan to redeploy the troops by the end of next year, the South Korean Defense Ministry said Wednesday. The ministry said the U.S. military will pull out 5,000 troops by the end of this year.

Al-Sadr's men sign cease-fire
FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S.-led forces unleashed a strike early Wednesday at a suspected safehouse in rebel-held Fallujah where terrorist leaders were believed to be meeting, the military said in a statement. There was no immediate word on casualties.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. flu vaccine sliced in half
Nearly half the USA's expected supply of flu vaccine won't be delivered because British health authorities suspended Chiron Corp.'s license to make it, company officials said Tues.

Cheney, Edwards debate
CLEVELAND — Deep political divisions on Iraq, health care and taxes dominated Tuesday's vice presidential debate, with Vice President Cheney and John Edwards defending the records and positions of the men who head their tickets.

WTC remains in landfill
NEW YORK — World Trade Center families are fighting to get debris rebursed so their loved ones don't spend eternity resting on trash in the huge Fresh Kills landfill.

Services slows
NEW YORK — Growth in the vast U.S. services sector slowed in September, according to an industry survey published Tuesday. The Institute for Supply Management's non-manufacturing index slid to 56.7 from 58.2 in August.

Layoffs soar
NEW YORK — Employment consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas said employers announced 107,863 layoffs in September, 41% more than in September 2003 and 45% more than in August this year.

WASHINGTON NEWS

GOP to end draft rumor
House Republicans sought to quash a persistent Internet rumor that President Bush wants to reinstate the draft if he is re-elected, engineering an overwhelming vote Tues. killing legislation that would do just that.

Bremer: Not enough troops
Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry seized Tuesday on new criticism of Iraq policy by the former U.S. administrator there to bolster his case that President Bush has mismanaged the war.

Powell tells Israel to end attack
Secretary of State Colin Powell called on Israel Tuesday to end its retaliatory foray into Gaza, while U.S. diplomats at the United Nations tried to derail an Arab resolution designed to end the incursion.

Al-Qaeda-Saddam link is weak
Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday that he hasn't seen "any strong, hard evidence" to link Saddam Hussein and the al-Qaeda terrorists who staged the Sept. 11 attacks, a more direct statement than he has made on the subject before.

House affirms N. Korea aid
The United States could spend up to \$24 million a year in humanitarian aid for North Koreans, much of it for refugees who have fled the impoverished, totalitarian state, under legislation approved by the House Monday and sent to the president for his signature.

Factory orders dip
New orders at factories fell unexpectedly in August after a sharp fall in demand for civilian aircraft, government data showed Monday. But excluding transportation equipment, the data showed reasonable strength.

Report: Saddam destroyed arms
An extensive U.S. investigation has found that Iraq destroyed virtually all its chemical and biological munitions in 1991, a dozen years before President Bush ordered U.S. troops to invade based largely on the alleged threat posed by those weapons.

TEXAS NEWS

Texas criminal records missing
Law enforcement officials say public safety could be at risk because of an incomplete database for the state's criminal convictions. A Dept. of Public Safety report in July found that the state has only 69% of the criminal records for 2002, and just 60% for 2001. Hundreds of thousands of records are missing. The Dallas Morning News said it found 4,000+ Dallas County records involving sex offenses from 1993 to 2003 that weren't in the database.

Surcharges for irresponsible drivers
Nearly 200,000 drivers face possible license revocations unless they pay surcharges that add up to \$67 million, the DPS said. The fees under the Texas Driver Responsibility Program target irresponsible drivers, including those who drive drunk. Revenues will help fund trauma centers and emergency medical services. Officials expect the program to generate about \$1 billion by 2008.

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Gruver Elementary named No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School

Gruver Elementary School has been named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of 2004, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige announced.

"For years, many of our underprivileged children were ignored and pre-judged, moved to the back of the room and quietly pushed through the system, with their scores hidden in averages," Secretary Paige said. "They were cast into the shadows, then cast out into life without the skills to succeed. This created a chronic achievement gap that mocked the promise of public education. So we must change our approach, incentives and expectations. We must foster a climate of academic excellence, enabling all students to reach the highest levels of scholarship."

"No Child Left Behind is starting to generate some amazing results, transforming the educational landscape. Today, I am pleased to announce that you have been named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School, and I congratulate you for your achievements." The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels. More than 250 of the nation's schools have been named 2004 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools.

The schools are selected based on one of three criteria: Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance on state tests, as determined by the state school chief; Schools whose students, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent on

state tests; and Private schools that achieve in the top 10 percent in the nation.

Under No Child Left Behind, schools must meet "Adequate Yearly Progress," or AYP, in reading/language arts and mathematics. Each state sets its own

academic standards and benchmark goals—not the federal government—because each state knows best what goals and criteria are most appropriate for its school districts.

The No Child Left Behind Act is the bipartisan landmark education reform law designed to

change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility to states, giving parents more options and teaching students based on what works. Under the law's strong accountability provisions, states must describe how they will close the

achievement gap and make sure all students, including those with disabilities, achieve academically.

More information about the No Child Left Behind Act is available at www.ed.gov.



The 2003-2004 faculty of Gruver elementary are to be congratulated for being named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. Members of the faculty include (front, from left) Emma Pando, Sylvia Borunda, Renea Swink, Patty Miner, Mary J. Henson; (second row, from left) Julie Stedje, Christy Cooper, Tracy King, Cynthia Henson, Eva Spivey; (third row, from left) Rhonda Williams, Kathy Lindsey, Diane Brown, Darlene Gibson, Kristi Williams; (back, from left) Lori Haight, Sharolyn Finley, Micky Maupin, Debby Mayhew, Angie Clawson

Early voting to begin for November General Election

by Harletta Carthel

Early voting in person for the November General Election will begin Monday, October 18, and continued through Friday, October 29, according to County Clerk Kim Vera. For those wishing to receive ballots by mail, Tuesday, October 26, is the last day for the early voting clerk to receive applications. The ballots must then be returned by mail no later than the day of the general election, Tuesday, November 2.

Voters do not need a reason or have extenuating circumstances to vote in early balloting in person. Those requesting ballots by mail, however, can do so under the following conditions: will be away from their county on election day and during early voting, are sick or disabled, are 65 years of age or older on election day, or are confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

With Monday, October 4, the deadline for voters to register for the November General

Election, Hansford County Tax Assessor/Collector Linda Cummings reports Monday as a busy day for her office in issuing voter registrations to new residents and returning residents, and assisting those with questions about their registration status.

Anyone who failed to meet the registration deadline Monday, will not be eligible to vote in the November General Election.

While the Hansford County Clerk's office had a total of 3,271 registered voters on Tuesday, that number may rise as those registering on Monday are added to the computer count.

Voters are urged to take their voter registration card to the polls November 2. If a voter does not have his card with him, he may be asked for a drivers license to establish his identity.

Of the seven county and district positions to be filled in the November elections, all are Republicans who will face no opponents.

The county and district offices and their Republican nominees are County Judge - Benny Wilson, Tax Assessor/Collector - Linda Cummings, Sheriff - Gary Evans, Commissioner Precinct 3, 5, and 7 - Tim Stedje, 84th Judicial District Judge - Williams D. Smith, and 84th Judicial District Attorney - Clay Ballman.

Even with the uncontested county and district races, the presidential election is expected to draw voters to the polls.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - A 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds around 5 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 40 percent.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

COLUMBUS DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Bynum named WTAMU Homecoming King



LEFT: Farrell Farley of Amarillo and Timothy Bynum were named Homecoming Queen and King at West Texas A&M University on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

BELOW: Tim Bynum gestures to family and friends as he and his mom are recognized during halftime festivities at the WTAMU vs. Midwestern State football game.

WTAMU Royalty Crowned at Homecoming Football Game

CANYON — Farrell D. Farley of Amarillo and Timothy Neal Bynum of Spearman were named Homecoming Queen and King at halftime of the Buffs' football game against Midwestern State University on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Farley, a junior mass communications—broadcasting major, is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Farley. She was sponsored for Homecoming Queen by G-Force, a chartered student organization designed to raise community awareness about the benefits of higher education. Farley also is news director for campus radio station, KWTS-FM, a Maroon Productions intern, a New Student Conference leader and a member of President's Ambassadors. Bynum, a senior agricultural



business and economics major, is the son of Kevin and Rhonda Bynum. He was sponsored by Phi Delta Theta, a social/service fraternity for which he previously served as president. Bynum was named Student Organization President of the Year for 2003-2004, and he presently serves as president of WTAMU's Interfraternity Council. Other finalists for

Homecoming Queen were Melissa Ann Flores, a senior nursing major from Muleshoe, and Melissa Kauk, a senior pre-physical therapy major from Odessa. Other finalists for Homecoming King were Trevor Adam Barnes, a junior criminal justice major from Hart, and Justin Michael Hancock, a senior general studies major from Lubbock.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



A bat is seen clinging upside down to the intake structure on Horse Creek.

Lake Level--October 4, 2004--33.43 feet (-0.25)

Jim and Mandy had a brief trip to Lubbock over the weekend to be entertained by grandson Grason.

The Jack Test group from Guymon with 3 RVs came down for the weekend. They camped on the south side and 2 other campers were on the north side.

The eagles don't usually appear until November. Water fowl is still not showing up, but this is a serene time to visit the Park to watch for fall changes.

The Alamo Ranch

When I checked to see when Huff, Mel, and Frank Wright were being awarded the school sections (the even numbers), I found most of them were dated in 1898 with a few 1900. Some of these sections had been leased from the State of Texas in 1891 by the Dutchess Cattle Company or by Wilson and Shavallia. This made me wonder what went on in the north east part of the county before Huff Wright ever thought of the

Alamo Ranch.

We could start with the Rifle Pits dug in the early winter of 1869 and move on to the Fort Dodge, Kansas road to Fort Bascom in eastern New Mexico that later was shortened to the Tascosa Trail. This road was mentioned in Jim Cator's Memoirs. He and Bob were on it in 1873. The big dugout at the Rifle Pits became a stopping place in the area. It was run by Snake Thompson as a road ranch for awhile. In 1881 the 777 Ranch formed by Berry and Boice used it as a temporary headquarters before they built the sod or adobe structure that still stands north of the dam on the Buschman ranch.

Remember this was open range country, and cattle from other ranches were using the grass, but I think the 777 Ranch (also called the Rifle Pits Ranch) was the first big ranch headquartered in the area. When it sold out in 1885, Tom Hungate bought the improvements, and I think called his ranch the Dutchess.

At some point the State forced the ranchers to lease the school land that they had been using free. Tom had been leasing the land until Huff and his relatives filed on it. He was still there on his ranch in 1900 when the Census was taken. Later he moved and said something about getting far enough away that Huff Wright wouldn't get his land.

Tom died in California in 1913 of blood poisoning. Several episodes from his life would have fit in a John Wayne movie.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

If you read this column each week you will see the co-operation of the entire community working together to honor our fathers and mothers. That is such a core value that we in this area share and you can tell by all of the different names listed (and don't forget the ones not listed-sorry if I leave anyone out- it is bound to happen but you know who you are- and I hope that you know that we appreciate each one of you) This is such a giving and respectful community and I appreciate you all. Our youth is one of our most promising resources but our elders are our secret weapons. They have the experience of long lives to draw from. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

The Methodist Church of Spearman brought church to the Manor on the 29th. Thank you so much!

Monday morning heralded in with an interesting Newscurrents program. The elders that live here are still very much involved in the events of the current times. Many vote and certainly many have opinions based on their experiences and are well able to swing a vote around here.

The afternoon was spent in the Life Enrichment class.

Many good pointers are shared during these meetings on handling some of life's difficult situations and people and the residents have good pointers to share also.

THANK YOU to the Lion's Club for hosting bingo and THANK YOU to the honor students for helping.

Tuesday started off hopping with a fun and beneficial exercise program. We try to keep all of our body parts moving. It has also been proven that exercise reduces the pain of arthritis and many other debilitating ailments. It sure keeps us limbered up and the music is fun and lively.

The afternoon was spent in Resident Council. We had a very large crowd and a good meeting. It was voted on and passed that the residents would adopt a military person that is currently serving in Iraq and send them cards, cookies (made by the residents of course) and whatever else they can think of. Viola Boyd was elected the Resident of the Month and John Harper was elected the CNA of the Month.

We were thankful to have Anne Whitaker leading Bible study Wednesday morning. It is a blessing to all of us.

The afternoon was spent painting on different projects. Some decorations for fall, some ceramics, some decorations for the bulletin board.

Thursday morning was spent with wonderful music and rockin to the rhythm of the bands. We passed out instruments and did musical exercises to fun music. EVERYONE here derives a benefit from the music! It just spreads joy up and down the halls.

The afternoon was spent playing bingo hosted by the very faithful auxiliary. THANK

YOU to the auxiliary for all that you do.

Friday morning we used the parachute to exercise with. That will certainly stretch you out!!

The afternoon was spent together in the living room listening to old tapes from the old radio shows. Amos & Andy and Jack Benny. I could tell as I watched the residents gathered around a radio listening to these tapes from yesteryear that it was bringing back many memories of their younger days before television. We all enjoyed it.

Come play at Gruver's Big Boy Toy Show

by Harletta Carthel

Whether your showing off your prized vehicle or just admiring those of others, the first annual Big Boy Toy Show is the place to be Saturday.

Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Gruver Municipal Airport, two miles south of Gruver on Highway 136.

Sponsored by the Gruver Chamber of Commerce, hot rods, antique cars, and motorcycles will be displayed with an ultra-lite fly-in slated for 9:00 a.m. and an antique tractor pull set for 1:00 p.m.

Food booths will also be available throughout the day. Registration for the tractor pull will be a 11:00 a.m. For rules and regulations or other question, contact Lee Stedje, 733-5820.

Those wishing to exhibit hot rods, antique cars, or motorcycles should have them in place by 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Leroy Bagwell, 733-2177.

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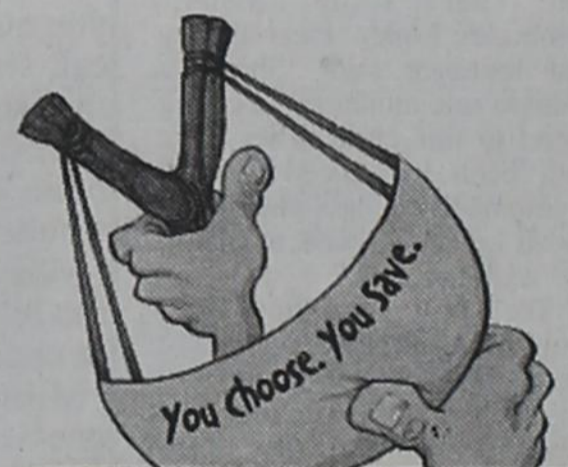
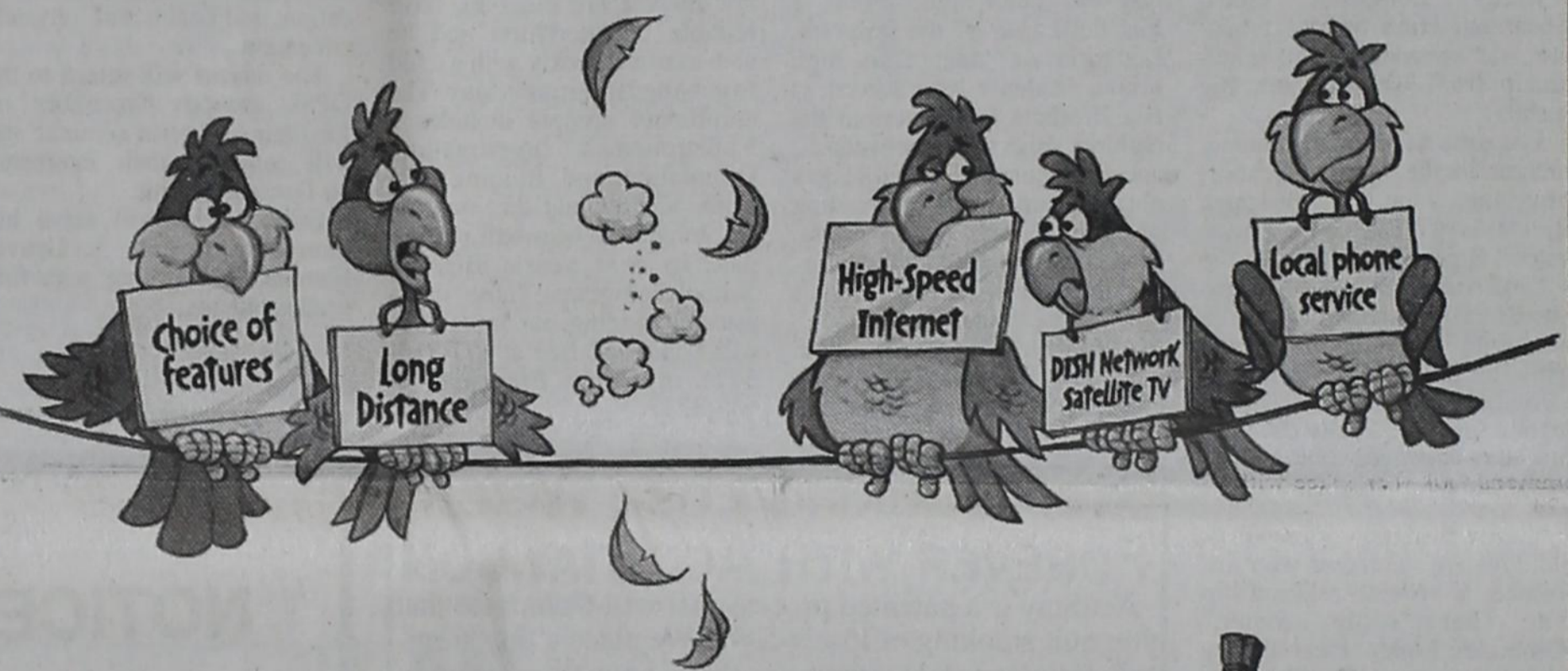
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Cat fight decides district top dog

by Harletta Carthel

In a roller coaster game, the Spearman Lynx lost a thriller 21-28 to district rival Canadian, Friday night.

Like the amusement park ride, the Lynx were up seven in the first quarter, tied in the second quarter, down by 14 in the third quarter, and up again by seven in the fourth quarter, before a last minute Canadian touchdown brought the ride to a screeching halt.

The Lynx's first quarter lead on the state's fifth ranked Wildcats came on a one-yard run by quarterback Collin Gillaspie.

That lead vanished in the second period when Canadian sprinter Tony Livingston evened the score on a 13 yard pass from Bryant Brock.

The Wildcat scoring blitz would put two more touchdowns on the board before half, one on a 10 yard run by Logan Baker and one on a 22 yard pass reception by Livingston.

In the spirit that knocked off number-one ranked Stratford three weeks previous, the Lynx went on their own scoring binge early in the fourth period. With a drive highlighted by a 32-yard Clete Vanderburg run and a 18 yard pass from Collin Gillaspie to Jarrick Howard, Brock Town took scoring honors on a one-yard run.

Moments later, Lynx Kylie McGaha recovered his second fumble of the game to give the Lynx a scoring opportunity at the Canadian 16. With Town carrying for six, Spearman tied

the game with a Gerardo Ruiz kick at 7:20 in the final period.

Canadian's winning score came in the 3:40 mark in the fourth period. The score was sparked by a Livingston 40 yard return on the punt.

"He (Livingston) got to the ball and burned us," Coach Ric Smith said. "I was concerned about their speed, and it showed up on that play."

Smith first thought the punt would be deep in Canadian territory and would go out of bounds near the 15 yard line. But Livingston was able to snag the ball for his first return of the night.

The Wildcats were able to convert two third-down plays with runs of 11 and 9 yards to keep the game-winning drive alive.

The Lynx fall to 1 and 1 in district while Canadian stays perfect at 2/0 with four district games remaining.

The Lynx will have an open date before traveling to meet winless Boys Ranch. October 15

"The Lynx played hard against Canadian. Hopefully, we will learn from the game and be more prepared in future games to take advantage of opportunities to win," Coach Smith said. "We will use the open date to heal up and get back to basic techniques and fundamentals."

Leading Rushers - Brock Town 12 carries for 39 yards, Clete Vanderburg 15 for 74, Collin Gillaspie 7 for 7.

Leading Receivers - Caleb Gillaspie 4/39, Jarrick Howard 1/18, Brock Town 1/14

Game at a Glance

	SL	CWC
First downs	11	13
Yards rushing	120	106
Yards Passing	60	93
Total Yards	186	207
Com/Att/Int	6/14/2	6/12/0
Punts/ Avg	4/32.5	4/28
Fumbles/ lost	1/1	5/2
Penalties/ Yards	1/15	3/26

Players of the Week

Offense - Clete Vanderburg, 207 lb. senior fullback, who scored 94" on film grade. Rushed for 74 yards on 15 carries; Caleb Gillaspie, 175 lb. senior receiver, who scored 85% on film grade, caught four passes for 39 yards.

Defense - Wayne Gibson, 220- lb. senior lineman, who had two unassisted tackles and nine assisted tackles; Collin Gillaspie, 189 lb. sophomore secondary who had three unassisted tackles and three assisted tackles.

College news

University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix is proud to announce that Stacie Lynn Armes of Gruver has been awarded a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. Commencement ceremonies were held in Phoenix on July 23, 2004.

University of Phoenix, which has served working adults for over a quarter of a century, has made its mission to remove barriers to education for busy adults by providing accessible scheduling, and rigorous degree programs centered on professional goals.

The University is the largest private accredited university in North America with more than 200,000 students, who attend one of the University's 151 campuses and learning centers located in 30 states, Puerto

Rico, and Canada, or solely via the Internet at the University's Online Campus.

University of Houston

Sonya Salgado Jensen, daughter of Gilbert and Ernestina Salgado, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Houston, Downtown on August 7, 2004. Sonya is a member of the International Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

The Teacher Education Program at Oklahoma Panhandle State University prepares future teachers for public schools.

This semester, 20 OPSU students are ready to complete their program of study culminating with a 12-week internship of student teaching. The interns reported to their respective schools on September 20th, and are teaching in areas including elementary education, business, English, agriculture education, and health and physical education.

The interns will return to the OPSU campus November 1st for their mid-term seminar and will complete their internship on December 10th.

Erika Stedje will serve her internship at Gruver Elementary, working with first grade students.

Lynxettes win third straight CC meet

The Spearman Lynxettes added another laurel Saturday with their win the Canadian Cross Country Meet.

The Lynxettes with 33 points bested Borger with 56 points and Panhandle 72.

Runners, their times, and placings are 1. Christy Lang 11:31, 2. Tara Shields 11:37, 3. Melissa Lesly 11:42, 15. Tab Shields 12:17, 16. Jessica Diaz 12:19, 20. Macy Harbour 12:24, 21. Sonny Parker 12:25, 27. Rossilyn Bulls 12:34. 32. Lindsey Short 12:51.

In the junior varsity girls division, Spearman placed second with 47 points behind Borger with 29 points.

Runners were: 2. Amy Brown 12:27, 5. Amy Boyd 12:49, 10. Aleisha Sweat 13:07, 11. Tonya Hart 13:11, 23. Caitlyn Garcia 14:17, 25. Tarryn Dixon 14:39, 29. Mallory Paul 15:02.

The junior high girls won first place with 88 points just better than Panhandle with 93 points.

Runners were 3. Leanna Espinosa 12:06, 16. Bond Pittman 13:10, 18. Sutton Garnett 13:13, 22. Courtney Chambers 13:30, 25. Preslee Baker 13:42, 31. Julie Diaz 13:42, 38. DD DeLa Rosa 13:56, 41. Destiny Fisher 14:24, 56. Chastity Thomas 14:37 59. Vicki Renteria 14:40.

Junior varsity boys and their times were 2. Osvaldo Lomeli 17:42, 3. Daniel Kern 18:16, 4. Xavier Fryer 18:23.

The cross country teams will enjoy an open week before running October 16 at Canyon where the junior high girls will run at 8:15 a.m., the junior varsity girls at 9:05 a.m., the varsity girls at 9:30 and the junior varsity boys at 10:20 a.m.

Gruver CC takes fourth

Running at the Sunray Cator Classic Saturday, the Gruver girls cross country team placed fourth with 109 points behind Dumas with 35, Stratford with 49, and White Deer with 88.

Runners, their times, and placings were: 13. Jessica Schmidt, 13:45, 17. Liz Lopez, 13:53, 24. Laci Fitzgearld 14:19, 35. Abbi Yanke 14:40, and 39. Eva McCloy, 14:58.

Junior varsity girls and their times were Emily Williams, 17:08, Kailee Reed 17:47.

In the varsity boys division Hugo Chavira placed 24th in the three-mile run with 17:24.

Placing seventh in the junior high girls division, Gruver runners were 41. Mattie Yanke 17:07, 43. Katie Gibson 17:17, 51. Shaney Collier 18:02, 54. Lindsey Mireles 18:05, 56. Leigh Anne Winger 18:21, 59. Miranda Baird 18:31, and 60. Devlin Reynolds 18:38.

Drew Mireles placed 13th in the junior high boys division with a 13:38.

Longoria receives scholarship through Big Brothers Big Sisters

Emily Longoria, recent Spearman High School graduate, was awarded a \$250 scholarship from Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Longoria has been a volunteer mentor in the Bigs in Schools program at Spearman Elementary for the last two years. Bigs in Schools is the school-based mentoring program of BBBS. Her first match was with a kindergartner and when he moved away she was matched with a Little Sister in second grade. "Emily is kind and nice," her Little Sister Katy said. "I liked playing basketball with her."

"Emily has been a responsible, creative volunteer who has formed a special relationship with her Little Sister," Kimberley Lopez, local agency case manager said. "She is a positive role model and a caring friend to this child. They have both been influenced by this experience. We are pleased to award her with this scholarship and wish her well."

"The most rewarding thing about being a mentor to each of these children was creating a close bond with a child who needed someone to give them undivided attention. I will walk away from this experience having the satisfaction that I have helped make a difference in children's lives," Longoria said.

Longoria will attend Dallas Baptist University in the Fall. "Being a mentor has actually been a major reason why I have chosen to become an elementary school teacher," she added.

Nineteen students were matched in Spearman's elemen-

tary and junior high schools in this third year of the program. Longoria was one of six high school students who served as Big Brothers and Sisters to the children. Bigs spend between 30 and 45 minutes with their Littles playing games, talking, reading or doing arts and crafts. Matches meet once a week during the school day and don't have contact outside of school.

Adult mentors are needed. They must be at least 18, have a full time job (retired people and

housewives are eligible), have reliable transportation and be able to meet weekly with a child from August through May. The enrollment process includes a background investigation. Orientation and training sessions will be held this summer for volunteers who will participate in next year's Bigs in Schools program. Those interested in finding out more may call Lopez toll free at 877-716-3424 or Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Gruver Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., October 12, 2004 in the High School Library 601 Garrett Street Gruver, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gruver Independent School District's rating on the state's financial Accountability system.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 12, 2004
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Gruver High School Library
Subject: Financial Management Report

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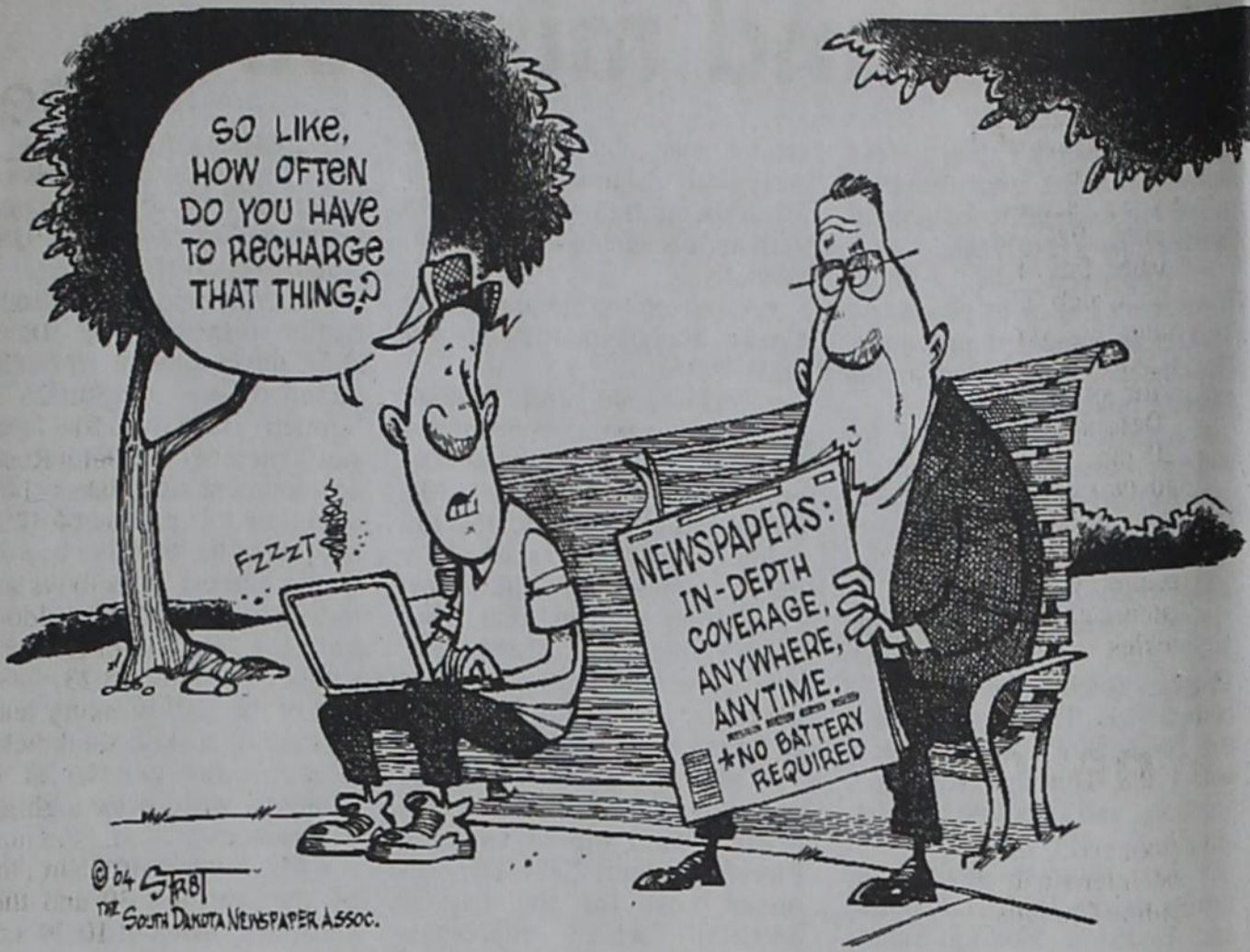


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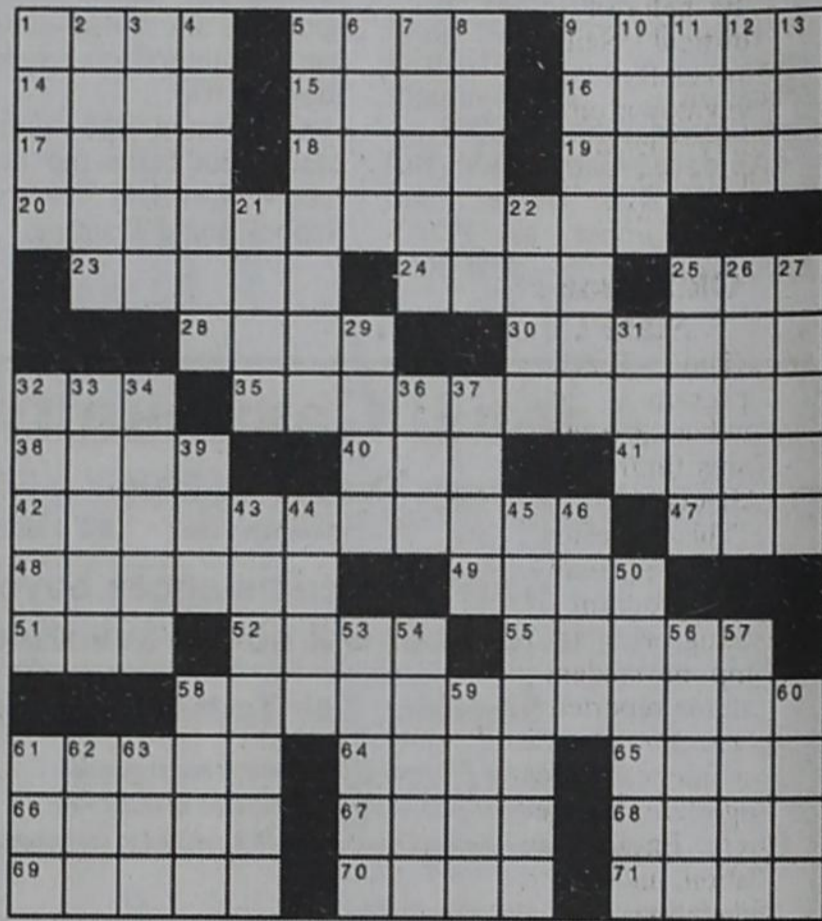
By Patrick Jordan

ACROSS

- 1. Meat-and-vegetables dish
- 5. E-mail nuisance
- 9. Zones
- 14. White in the face
- 15. California valley famed for wineries
- 16. With 56-Down, "Touched by an Angel" star
- 17. ___ spumante (type of wine)
- 18. Breezy
- 19. Frequency of many newspapers
- 20. Item in a math workbook (2 words)
- 23. Reach a finish (2 words)
- 24. Require
- 25. Angry
- 28. Sign of things to come
- 30. Button on a TV remote
- 32. America's "Uncle"
- 35. Latin phrase meaning "endlessly" (2 words)
- 38. Check a newspaper article before printing
- 40. Spy bureau (abbr.)
- 41. Mexican coin
- 42. Funny moment during a drama (2 words)
- 47. Dad's relaxation room
- 48. Three-base hit
- 49. Bird noted for its singing
- 51. "Wait a ___!" ("Keep your shirt on!")
- 52. Long-legged wading bird
- 55. Brings up, as children
- 58. CNN spinoff network (2 words)
- 61. Consumed
- 64. Salt ___ City, Utah
- 65. Barking circus animal
- 66. Danger warning
- 67. Nights preceding holidays
- 68. Concerning (2 words)
- 69. Enjoys a newspaper
- 70. Movie theater fixture
- 71. Home for a 49-Across

DOWN

- 1. Health resorts
- 2. One of the five senses
- 3. Rock superstar ___ John
- 4. Bizarre person
- 5. Made a noise with one's fingers
- 6. Twosome
- 7. Chef's garment
- 8. "It's a possibility"
- 9. Built a new room (2 words)
- 10. Quantity of copier paper
- 11. Cotton gin inventor Whitney
- 12. Every last one
- 13. Put into words
- 21. Southwestern Arizona city
- 22. Strauss of jeans fame
- 25. Dampened the sound of, as a trumpet
- 26. Coax a laugh from
- 27. Evil spirit
- 29. Pleasant
- 31. Chapstick target
- 32. Religious offshoots
- 33. Have deep affection for
- 34. Do an imitation of
- 36. Zero
- 37. Flunk
- 39. Good waiter's reward
- 43. Lawyer's customers
- 44. Singer McEntire
- 45. Sincere
- 46. ___ press (1st Amendment provision)
- 50. Wichita resident
- 53. Runs without moving, as an engine
- 54. Work very hard
- 56. See 16-Across
- 57. Flattens a fly
- 58. Buffalo bunch
- 59. Swedish furniture company
- 60. Kind of machine in a casino
- 61. You hear here
- 62. Pub order
- 63. Lipton product



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Letters to the editor

by Baxter Black, DVM

What is it about my local paper that I love? It's called the News-Sun and lists the communities it serves under the masthead; the largest, population 3,500, the smallest, 200, if that. It comes out every Wednesday and high school students sell it in front of the post office. Or, you can buy it at Safeway, the only grocery store and the busiest place in town.

We subscribed the year before we moved to the community. We read about our future neighbors, the real estate ads, city politics, parades, school activities and the antics of local characters.

"Letters to the Editor" was my favorite part of the paper then. It still is today.

Ironically it was carrying my weekly column, but when we moved here it discontinued it! It was a relief, actually. The column is published nationally and written with a "broad stroke." However when your next-door neighbor or Sunday School teacher thinks it only runs locally, they suspect you of pretending grandiosity. The compensation was that the closest big-city paper (many thousands circulation) picked it up.

My local paper takes itself seriously. The bulk of the news stories from "Crash on the Highway" to "Top Grads Recognized" are done by the editor and one busy reporter. They are skilled writers and circumspect about not flavoring the news with "news analysis." "Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts."

Small town papers often thrive because CNN or The New York Times are not going to scoop them for coverage of the "VFW Fish Fry," "Bridge Construction Delay," or local boys and girls playing baseball, receiving scholarships, graduating, getting married or going off to war.

I think of local papers as the last refuge of unfiltered America. A running documentary of the warts and triumphs of real people unfettered by the spin, the bias and the opaque polish of today's homogenized journalism.

It is the difference between homemade bread and Pop Tarts. It gives our little community a sense of place in the world. We are important to somebody. We make a difference. The paper recognizes that.

They are the glue, the mirror, the billboard, the flashlight, the semifore, the boom box and microphone of small towns. It is how we hold hands. They care.

They show we care. They wear our hearts on their sleeve.

Is it accurate to say that I really "love" my local paper?

Well, it's not quite the proper word, but ... I can't think of a better one.

BAXTER BLACK is a syndicated columnist. Reprinted with permission of the author.

Dear Editor,

A while back, when the United States was trying to convince the United Nations to act against Saddam Hussein and Iraq, due to their weapons of mass destruction and potential to harm the world, I warned in a letter to the editor that the United States must not react alone against the United Nations opinion. The President, George Bush had his first of two meetings with the Pope, John Paul II, and the Pope warned Bush NOT to go to war; and, I said that the Pope may know something that Bush did not know about the future.

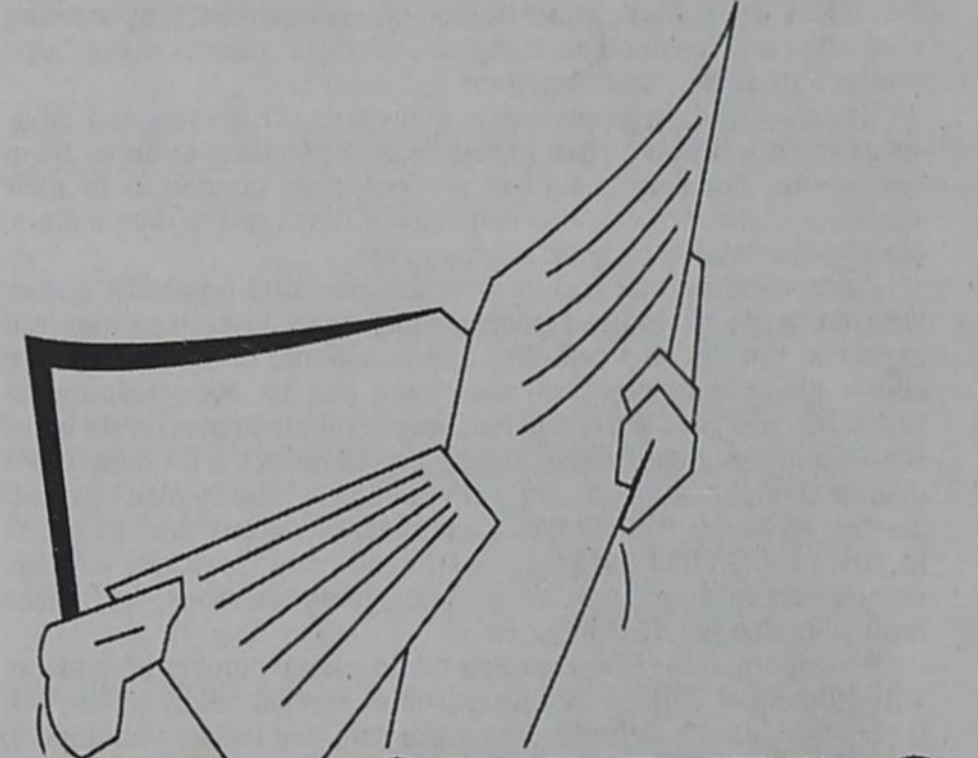
The President has had his second meeting with the Pope, and while I do not know what was said, I do know that 10 billion dollars and over a thousand lives have been spent by the United States, and at what cost?

There were no weapons of mass destruction, and Iraq is on the verge of total chaos and civil war. All it would take would be a stone against their religious beliefs. We, meanwhile, must sit here totally embarrassed with Britain over our failures, and hope that nothing happens to totally destroy our credibility in the Mid-east, which is what is happening.

Bush is an idiot. And he is going to win the election anyway. And the United States is going to go down the tubes in the eyes of the world as a nation of idiots, who are our leaders. Kerry is 13 percentage points behind tonight as I type this, in a poll which really means nothing, except that he doesn't have the capability of being better than Bush. We have only ourselves to blame.

Get down on your knees and pray that someone, perhaps a lady like Elizabeth Dole, or Condoleezza Rice, will emerge in 2008, to get us back on track. Will we ever have the respect we had a half century ago, before Korea, before Vietnam, before Iraq, before ??? (what the Pope may know)?

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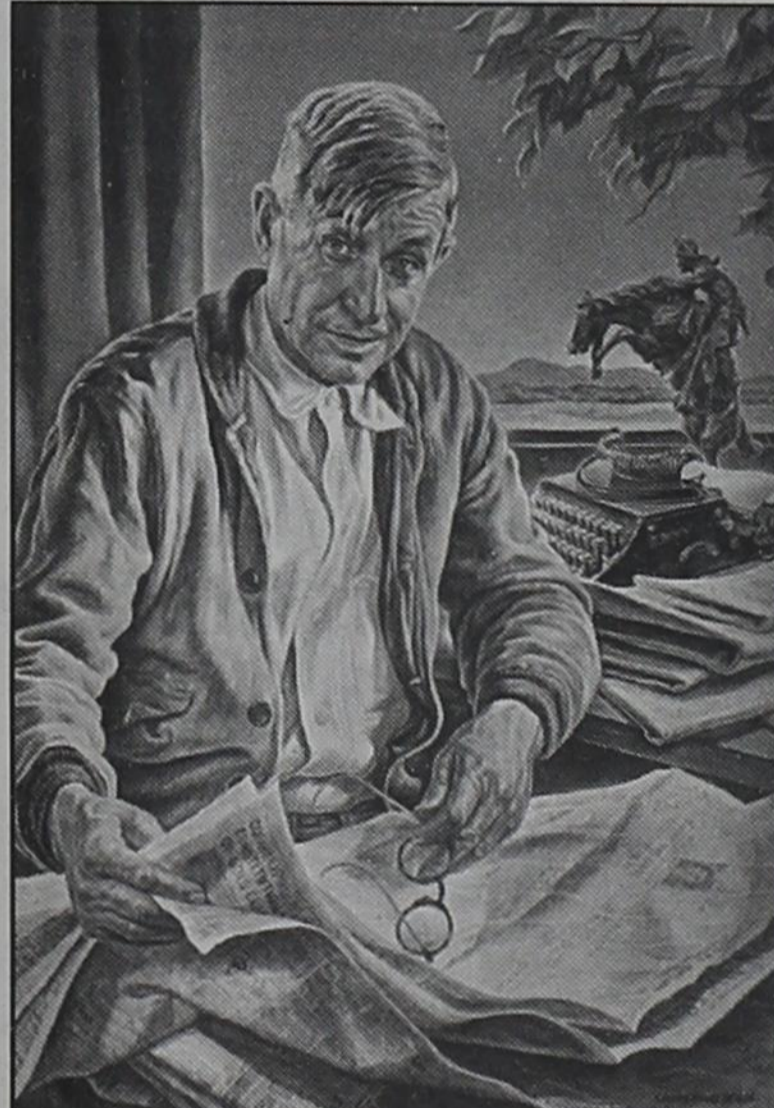
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COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER

by Rose Rennekamp

College Success 101: from Orientation to Graduation

"I can't afford it anymore."
"I'm just tired of school."
"It's a lot harder than I expected."
These are just some of the reasons why students drop out of college. When they do, they waste thousands of dollars in tuition money?and forgo money they could have earned in the future if they had a college degree.

Less than 75% of college freshmen return to the same school for their sophomore year, according to ACT research. What's worse, the U.S. Department of Education says that less than 65% of students who enroll as freshmen actually earn a degree within six years.

With thousands of students heading to college this month, what can parents do to help their college students succeed?

First, realize that it's almost entirely up to the students themselves. Parents can provide lots of encouragement and guidance, but for the first time in most of their lives, college marks a time when students will have to learn how to make it on their own.

That said, chances are that at least some of the money going to pay for tuition is coming from you, the parent. You have a vested interest in seeing that student through to graduation. So, make sure that they know what will make it more likely for them to succeed once they move out of your house and on to campus.

Getting involved. From intramural sports to the campus newspaper to fraternities and sororities, getting involved on campus means students will meet more people with the same interests or major. Groups closely aligned with students' majors can introduce them to students who are a few years ahead of them, full of advice about which classes they need, which professors are good, and which are not.

Going to class. Many students make the mistake of thinking that just because they enroll in a large lecture class, it doesn't matter if they show up. That's not necessarily true. Professors often explain topics in different ways than a textbook's authors, and they often highlight topics in their lectures that will show up on tests?things that students won't get from just keeping up on the reading.

Finding a good place to study. It's important to figure out where is the best, most effective place to study. More than a third of this year's college freshmen who took the ACT said they need help with study skills, math skills or writing skills. While some students love the silence and solitude at the library, others learn better by meeting with other students and studying in a group. It doesn't matter how students study?just that they do it.

Getting to know professors and advisors. Professors and advisors can be a lifeline when problems arise. Getting to know them one-on-one can help a student not only feel connected to their school or major, but can also help should they need to drop a class, change their major, or hone in on a major.

Understanding that feeling overwhelmed and homesick comes with the territory. Many students going away to college may not expect it, but the responsibility and occasional homesickness that comes along with being on their own can be overwhelming at times. My son goes to college half way across the country. He loves school and has great friends, but he gets homesick a lot more often than he thought he would. So, I invested in a "family plan" for cell phones, so he can call his father, his sister or me any time he wants to. And his grandma and I team up to send "care" packages with his favorite cookies, pictures of his cat, goofy cartoons, and other reminders that we miss him, too.

It's important to remember that while a large number of students will drop out of college for one reason or another, many more stick it out and get their degrees. Just make sure that before you unpack your son or daughter at the dorm, you've prepared them for how to succeed after you drive away.

Rose Rennekamp is the vice president of communications for ACT. She is a mom and has a master's of education in guidance and counseling. For more college and career-planning information, visit www.act.org. Have a question you want answered in a future column? Send a letter to this newspaper or e-mail Rose at AskRose@act.org.

Spearman ISD Board recognizes media, employees

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2004 in the High School Library.

Mr. Mark Allen, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF

Verlan Winegarner expressed appreciation to the Board for giving the 20-year plus teachers a pay raise for the 2004-2005 school year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A recognition and reception were held honoring the "2004 Media Honor Roll" which included Catherine Smith - Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, Harletta Carthel - Hansford County Reporter Statesman, Danny Parker - KRDF-FM, Gary Ellsworth - KRDF-FM, Trace Worley - KRDF-FM. In addition, the board also recognized the following: "Holy Toledo Sports Award" - George Young and Dwayne Smith, Staff Perfect Attendance - Rhonda Baker, Doug Bowles and Lynell Williams, and Recognition of Retirees - Melissa Vasquez and Ruth Kizziar. Mr. Sumner stated it is our "people" that make our schools special. He thanked all those involved for their extra effort and for all they did to make the Spearman Schools a better place for our students.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Approved consent items:
1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2004.
2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$73,793.31.
Awarded the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of October 2004.
Architects from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. presented plans for the building of a new junior high and remodeling of the elementary campus. Cost estimates were provided in order for the board to determine the scope of any potential building project. In addition to the plans for the elementary and

junior high school, plans were shown on some improvements to the high school to be phased in over a period of years.

Approved the Annual Investment Policy as presented. This is an annual requirement. No changes were noted to the existing policy.

Approved vendor list for audit purposes.

Approved Resolution to Protest Hansford County Appraisal District Budget for 2004-2005.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the 2002-2003 TEA Annual Dropout Report showing us in compliance. The drop out rate for 2002-2003 for the district was 1.1%. This represents four students, and is below the state standard.

Mr. Sumner shared the results of the District Planning and Decision Making Survey that by law must be conducted every two years for teachers to evaluate the effectiveness of the committee.

Selected Bob Boxwell to serve another term as the board representative on the District Education Improvement Committee expiring in 2007.

Approved Garry Dodd, Bill Wiggins, Bill Belger and Rodney Sumner as PDAS Appraisers for the 2004-2005

school year, and approved the Appraisal Calendar as August 30, 2004 through April 29, 2005 with all teachers to be appraised annually.

Approved the Spearman ISD Crowd Management Policy for 2004-2005.

Declared old purple football helmets as surplus and authorized Mr. Sumner to dispose of or to sell the helmets. Mr. Sumner said these are the old helmets that were replaced by the purchase of the New Generation helmets that were bought this past school year. The New Generation helmets are designed for additional safety for the student athlete.

Ms. Holland presented a request to the board for an out-of-state band trip to Orlando, Florida for April 2005. The estimated cost for the trip is \$49,600 (which represents approximately \$800 per student). In addition, Ms. Holland presented five fundraising requests to fund the trip. After hearing her request, the board approved the out-of-state band trip and fundraisers requested to fund the trip.

Selected the month of March 2005 for the board to receive Level II Teambuilding School Board Training.

INFORMATION ITEM(S)

The student enrollment of Spearman I.S.D. is 761 students which is up 9 students from August 30, 2004.

Mr. Sumner provided information regarding the summer staff development workshops attended by teachers. Mr. Sumner indicated that many staff members attended staff development activities on their own time this past summer, and he wanted the board to be aware of the number of activities and individuals attending these trainings. He said that this is another example of the dedication of the staff in trying to better their own skills on their own time in order to provide their students with better learning experiences.

Mr. Sumner told the board of the various Homecoming activities scheduled for this week.

CLOSED MEETING

PERSONNEL MATTERS AND DELIBERATION ABOUT PURCHASING PROPERTY

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING

Approved request for 30 day extended sick leave for Alexis Beck.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12.40 a.m.

Annual Community Health Fair

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 7:30 a.m. B 1:00 p.m.
The O=Loughlin Center 502 S. Brandt, Spearman TX

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the flu shot will not be available at the Health Fair.

Screening Lab Tests (at Greatly Reduced Prices!)

Fasting for 10 hours prior to test is recommended. We can accept cash or check for payment of blood work. Results are for information only and will be mailed to the patient.

		Health Fair Price	Regular Price
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Lipid Profile	Cholesterol Level, Cardiac Risk Profile The identification and treatment of individuals who may be at risk for heart disease at an earlier age offers the possibility to prevent or delay the progression of the disease.	\$15	\$120
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	Prostate Health The indication and treatment of disorders of the prostate gland (for men only)	\$12	\$78
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To the registered voters of the County of Hansford, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hansford, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 2, 2004, for voting in the general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers;

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de noviembre de 2004 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir electores presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- Voting Precinct 1 - City Hall, City of Spearman. (Oficina de la Ciudad de Spearman)
- Voting Precinct 2 - Renner Ranch. (el rancho de los Renner)
- Voting Precinct 3 - Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver. (Cristo Redentor Iglesia Catolica en Gruver)
- Voting Precinct 4 - Gruver High School Library. (libreria de la escuela secundaria de Gruver)
- Voting Precinct 5 - Assembly of God Church in Spearman. (Iglesia de Asamblea de Dios en Spearman).
- Voting Precinct 6 - Spearman High School. (la escuela secundaria de Spearman)
- Voting Precinct 7 - Oslo Lutheran Church. (La Iglesia de Oslo).
- Voting Precinct 8 - Early Voting, County Courthouse and Gruver City Hall. (La Casa de corte de Spearman y Oficina de la Ciudad de Gruver)
- Voting Precinct 9 - Pringle-Morse Community Building. (El edificio de Comunidad de Morse)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votcion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Hansford County Courthouse and at Gruver City Hall
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on October 18, 2004 and ending on October 29, 2004.

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Kim V. Vera
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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

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(Emitada este dia 4th day of Octubre, 2004

Benny Wilson
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

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LEGAL NOTICE The Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2004 on the sale of one Sheriff's Department hail damaged 2003 Ford Crown Victoria.

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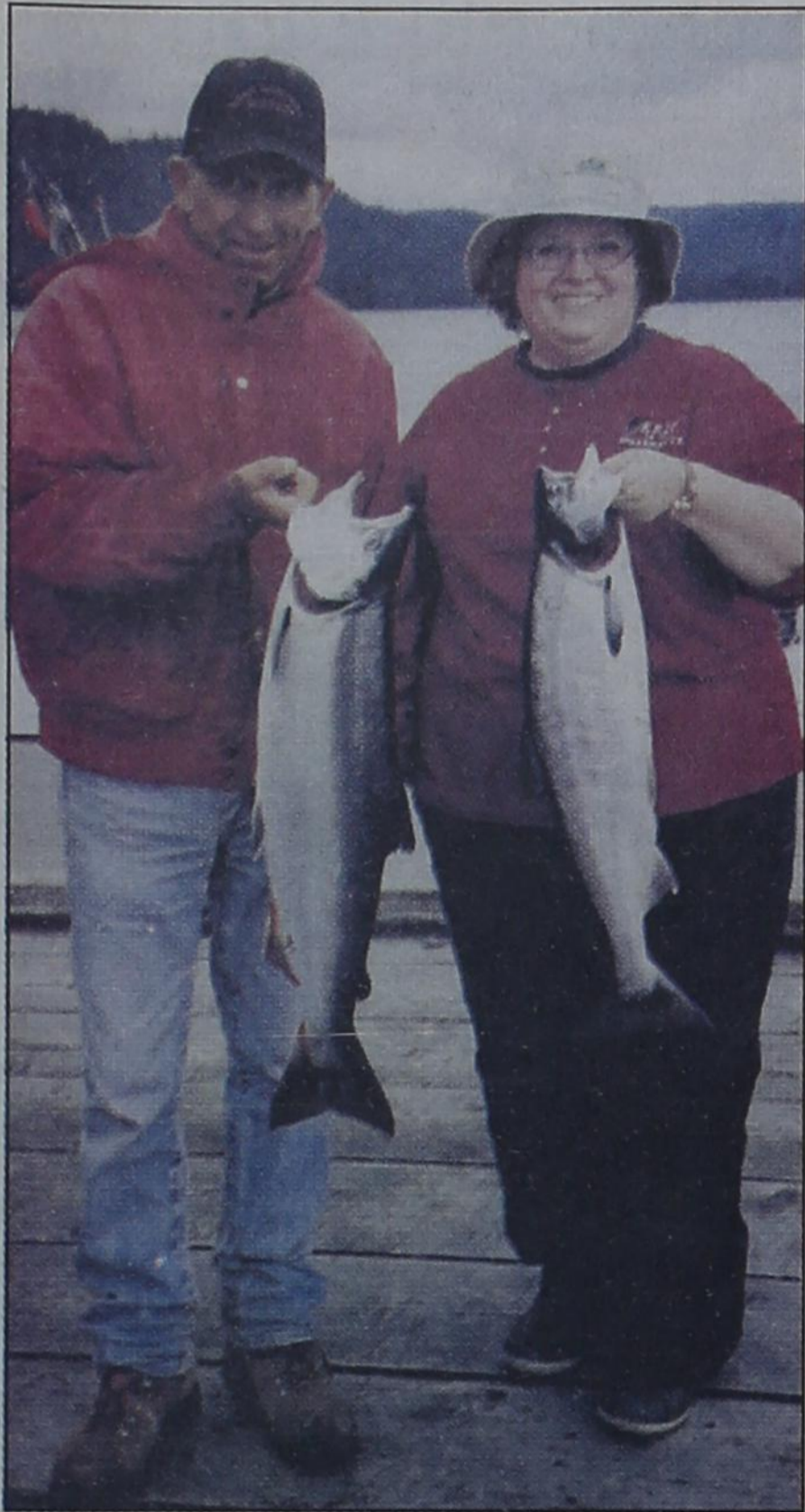
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The Cummings, along with daughter Kelli and her friends Chip Creswell and Dale Nichols, whom they met at Seattle before flying together to Ketchikan, were two-week visitors on the island. While there, the Cummings stayed at Camp Carl which is owned by Carl Coala, a state senator from Tennessee.

In addition to salmon, the Cummings caught halibut, crab, shrimp, and eel. They also saw a whale, a sea otter, star fish, bear, and jelly fish.

Creswell's grandfather, Jim, resides in Craig, Alaska.

Texas Agricultural Cooperative Trust sets standard in cost containment

Employers and members of the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Trust (TACT) know the benefits of being healthy.

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TACT, a local provider of group life and health benefits to members in the agricultural industry, has been able to cut new business rates by nearly 7.5 percent, while health care industry averages hover at an annual increase of more than 12 percent for most businesses.

For a blue-collar industry where health care claims can be high, the numbers are impressive, explained Stoney Jackson, TACT plan manager.

"We've been aggressive about taking care of our people," Jackson said. "Our goal when we started was for our members to pay what they paid five years ago for health insurance. In 10 years, we hope to make it less."

So how'd they do it? "In small steps," Jackson said. "This is a long term commitment."

Those small steps include emptying all coke machines and replacing them with bottled water. Additionally, they began providing aggressive on-site risk

assessments, and even now provide testing meters and other materials free of charge for diabetes-stricken employees and members.

The list goes on. "We thought we'd have a little backlash with the replacement in the coke machines with water," Jackson said. "But it's actually been just the opposite. These guys have actually welcomed the change. We hear over and over that we need more government to be involved in health care, but we're proof that it's just not true."

TACT was designed and is managed by employers in the agricultural industry. As a result, it responds to the needs and interests specific to these employers and their employees. Because TACT's health plan is partially self-funded, it allows employers more control over the program and it creates a program that is more adaptable than standard premium insurance plans.

To meet eligibility requirements for TACT, employers must be a member of Triangle Cooperative Service Company or the Texas Grain and Feed Association. For more information about TACT, please call (806) 747-0155.

Man killed, daughter injured in motorcycle wreck

41-year-old James Michael Scroggs was killed and his 11-year-old daughter, Jensin, suffered serious injuries Sunday night after a truck hit their motorcycle on Soncy Road.

Both were taken to Northwest Texas Hospital after the accident about 6:30 p.m., said Danny Alexander, spokesman for the Randall County Sheriff Department.

Emergency personnel at the scene of the accident said they were in critical condition, Alexander said.

Alexander said the man and the girl were traveling south on Soncy Road on the man's Harley-Davidson motorcycle when a 1996 red Chevrolet hit the motorcycle.

The truck and the motorcycle collided when the pickup driver tried to cross an intersection at Soncy Road and Hollywood Road, Alexander said.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers would not reveal the name of the driver of the pickup, but said the man will be given a citation for failure to yield right of way.

Scroggs was pronounced dead at Northwest Texas Hospital. Jensen was airlifted to Lubbock where she is on life-support with a significant head injury and multiple lacerations all over her body.

Fund established for Scroggs family

A fund has been established to help the family of James Scroggs, 41. The Amarillo man was killed Sunday night, when his motorcycle wrecked on Loop 335. Scroggs' daughter, Jensin, 11, was critically injured in the crash.

Donations can be made to the James Scroggs Family, C/O Amarillo National Bank, Attention Jada, P.O. Box 1, Amarillo, TX, 79101.

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Words of Wisdom

"It is true that you may fool all of the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time."

-Abraham Lincoln

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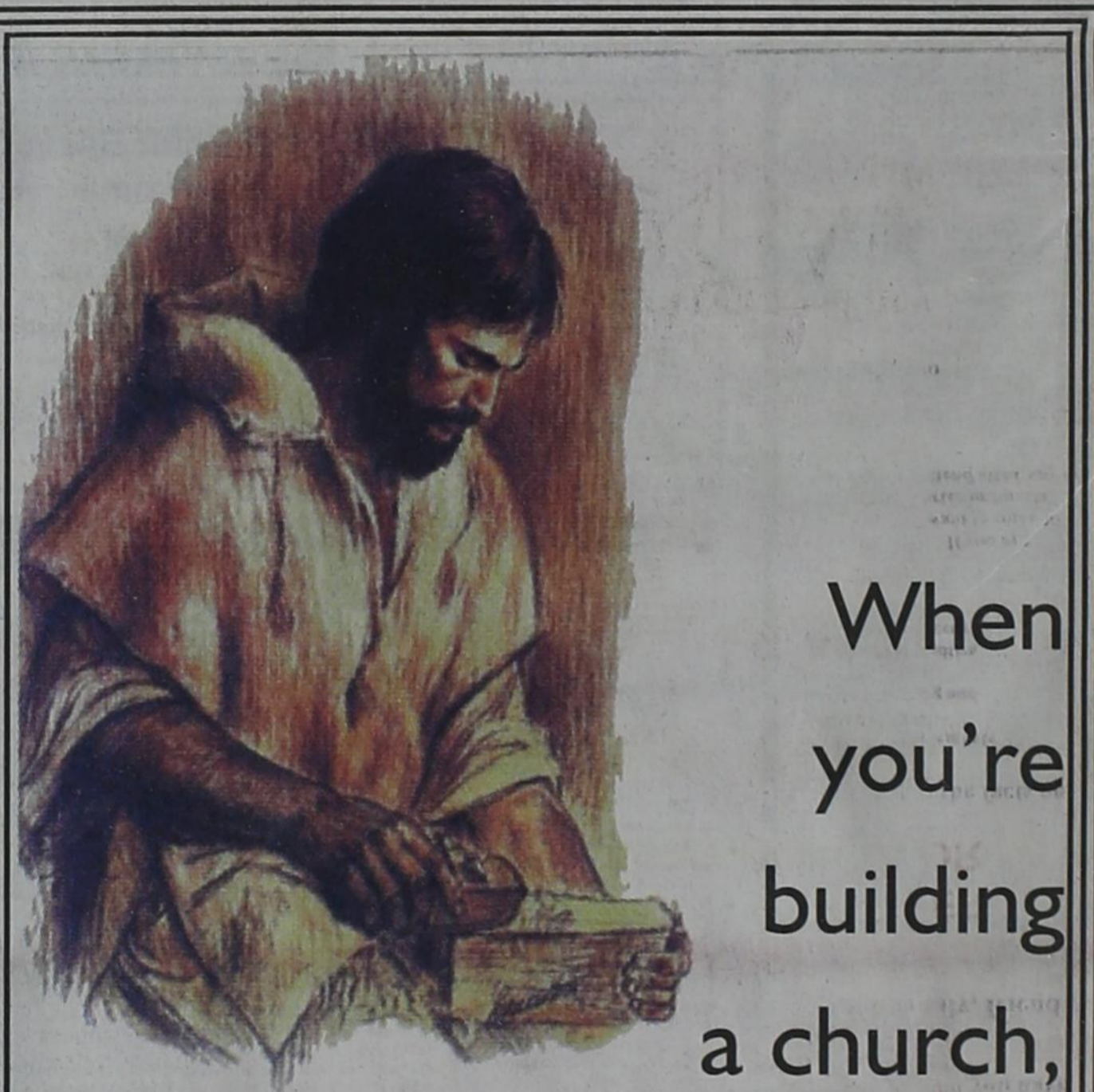
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