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Richard Stowers, left, manager of Culberson-Stowers Inc., shows Chris Doucette to the seat of a 1967 Camaro Doucette won as part of the auto dealership's 67th anniversary sale over the weekend. Doucette is taking auto classes and should be ready to take care of any general maintenance required as the new owner of the classic car. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Dien Bien Phu: Memories of battle

EDITOR'S NOTE — The battle of Dien Bien Phu was a key moment in the history of Vietnam, the first major shock to a series of Western armies that thought they could overcome Vietnamese nationalist and communist forces. On the 40th anniversary, AP Special Correspondent John Roderick, who covered the fall of Dien Bien Phu, recalls the battle and its lessons.

By JOHN RODERICK
AP Special Correspondent

TOKYO (AP) — Forty years ago, a coalition of Vietnamese nationalists and communists defeated the flower of the French army at Dien Bien Phu. The United States later paid a high price in blood and treasure for ignoring the lesson of that debacle.

Fighting gallantly against heavy odds, the besieged French garrison held out for 56 heroic, blood-soaked days, then surrendered.

Some influential Americans advocated dropping the atom bomb on the Viet Minh to stop the onslaught. President Eisenhower overruled them.

The defeat on May 7, 1954, signaled the end of French colonialism in Indochina. The Geneva Conference divided Vietnam into a communist northern zone and an American-backed southern one, and the slide toward U.S. military involvement began.

Ultimately, like the French at Dien Bien Phu, the Americans were unable to defeat communist North Vietnam.

Faced with a stalemate, mounting casualties and anti-war protests at home, the United States opted for a political settlement. It signed the Paris Peace Agreement, which ended American military involvement, in January 1973. The war between the Vietnamese dragged on for two more years, until the North overran the South in April 1975.

The inability of the French and Americans to prevail underscored the difficulty for a foreign army, however well-armed, of fighting a highly motivated force on its native ground.

Dien Bien Phu was the first military milestone in the Vietnam conflict.

A few months after World War II, France had undertaken to restore its unpopular, discredited colonial rule in Indochina. President Truman lent a hand, reversing the anti-imperialist policy of his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Thus encouraged, the French threw nearly a million men into the struggle. After a

Ice maker may become fiery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a warning about an ice machine that can catch fire.

Over 121,000 of the Scotsman model DC33 Home Ice Cube Machine were on the market and sold prior to September 1991.

Scotsman has received up to 10 reports of the ice machines catching fire. No injuries resulted but the fires caused water, heat and smoke damage to the unit and surrounding fixtures.

Scotsman and the commission are asking owners to contact the manufacturer to have machines retrofitted.

The faulty models include DC33A-1A, DC33A-1B, DC33A-1W, DC33PA-1A, DC33PA-1B, DC33PA-11W and DC33PA-1A-PB. Model numbers are located on a label affixed to the control box cover on the lower front side of the machine.

series of military failures, they staked everything on the defense of Dien Bien Phu, a fortified village surrounded by mountains in the remote northwest highlands.

Dien Bien Phu was of little strategic importance, but it had an airstrip and controlled routes into Laos. From this valley, the French hoped to block the Viet Minh — the communist Vietnamese — from invading Laos.

According to the late historian Bernard B. Fall, the French strategy was to offer their own troops as bait, draw the Vietnamese into a set-piece battle and destroy a large part of the growing communist army. The gamble backfired. The Vietnamese avoided main-force confrontations, striking French positions one by one at their own choosing.

American mercenaries flying cargo planes were shot down by Chinese gunners while trying to supply the garrison.

The large corps of foreign correspondents in Vietnam reported the siege of Dien Bien Phu from their hotel rooms 180 miles away, using questionable French briefings and communist broadcasts. None were allowed on the scene. After the cease-fire, they got the ghastly inside story from survivors.

Two weeks later, the victorious Viet Minh marched in disciplined ranks, on shoes made from rubber tires, into Hanoi, which was to become their capital. Communism, gray and oppressive, replaced the langour and Gallic confusion of life under the French.

When I moved to Haiphong, then still in French hands, and reported that life there was free and untrammelled, the food and wine superb, and love, in its commercial and

romantic forms, very much alive, the Communists denounced me for preferring bourgeois decadence. They were right. I did.

Life in the South, under its new anti-communist president, Ngo Dinh Diem, flourished economically for seven years. But politically, by his persecution of Buddhists, Diem embarrassed President Kennedy.

The United States let it be known that it would not mind a coup. The military promptly overthrew Diem, then murdered him and his brother.

Military rule, amateurish, corrupt and unimaginative, made matters worse. Diem had scored victories in the field by using guerrilla tactics. The military floundered, relegated to an inferior role by the Americans.

Washington made the mistake of committing its own army to fight in Vietnam. The Chinese and Russians, at loggerheads politically and ideologically, settled for moral support and a steady supply of arms to their Vietnamese client.

Had the United States trained its Vietnamese allies to match the Viet Cong's guerrilla methods, the result might have been different. Instead, it assumed the brunt of the fighting, employing trucks, tanks, helicopters and naval vessels in a massive assault on elusive, well-concealed targets.

The U.S. military dropped more bombs on Vietnam than it had used in World War II, yet the enemy survived and continued to fight.

As a senator, Kennedy told me through a mutual friend in 1954 that he recognized the danger of involvement in Vietnam. But as president, he and his successors in the White House appeared to believe the victory denied the French at Dien Bien Phu could be theirs. It was a fatal mistake.

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Assault weapon debate new terrain in gun control politics

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his 1984 re-election run, gun control was such a clear-cut issue for Republican Rep. Tom Ridge that he sent constituents a campaign mailing that unfolded to serve as a target, bull's eye and all.

A decade later, gun control politics isn't so simple — not for Ridge or most other politicians, or for a gun lobby that once couldn't lose a fight but now has to scrape and scratch and sometimes spend millions, and still doesn't always win.

As the House prepares to vote this week on whether to ban 19 types of assault-style rifles, the issue resonates in campaigns across the country. Last year's passage of the Brady handgun control law, after an eight-year fight, remains the biggest evidence of the shifting ground of gun politics.

"People want to do something about crime and they are willing to throw themselves at virtually every solution, from building 100,000 prison beds to melting down every gun in existence," said Texas-based Republican pollster David Hill. "But gun control is a very complex issue that often gets grossly oversimplified in the political debate."

Indeed, there is substantial evidence to rebut assertions by supporters of the assault weapons ban that a vote against the proposal is political suicide.

Many lawmakers from Southern, Western and rural districts don't have to give it a second thought; gun control is still taboo. House Speaker Thomas Foley of Washington is one such lawmaker, and his opposition to the assault weapons ban is a major obstacle to supporters, who were still short of votes on the eve of Thursday's planned vote but making gains — including winning a surprise commitment from Ridge.

Also, because they have already voted this year in favor of building more prisons and toughening sentencing, many lawmakers believe they can oppose the ban without being painted as soft on crime.

"There's no question that there are other elements to the crime issue than gun control," said Democratic consultant David Axelrod. "But I still don't think it is good politics to oppose it."

The question is particularly difficult for candidates running in districts, or statewide, that feature a mix of urban, suburban and rural areas.

Ridge is a case study.

His House district in northwest Pennsylvania is National Rifle Association country, and for 12 years in Congress Ridge has been a loyal NRA ally and gun control opponent. This year, however, he is running for governor and endorses a state assault weapons ban as part of a broader anti-crime package.

"What about Thursday's vote? On Wednesday, after days of wrestling with his decision and debate among his campaign advisers, Ridge announced he would vote in favor of the federal ban. The decision could hurt him in Western Pennsylvania but perhaps help him in the voter-rich Philadelphia suburbs.

Ridge is hardly the only 1994 candidate grappling with gun control as an issue.

Other examples: —There has been heated debate among advisers to Jeb Bush, a Republican candidate for Florida governor, over whether he should endorse some form of an assault weapons ban. Hill, a Bush campaign strategist, said the candidate thus far has not retreated from his absolute opposition to gun control. Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles supports a ban.

—Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican, proposed a tough assault weapons ban in his state, but it was killed by the GOP state Sen-

ate leader. Edgar's strategy counts on painting Democratic nominee Dawn Clark Lutsch as soft on crime, but she supports a ban, too, and plans on arguing that Edgar either isn't committed to his proposal or isn't effective enough to get it passed.

The White House push for the House measure centers on hammering-suburban GOP lawmakers.

A police chief from the district of Wisconsin Republican Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, for example, participated in a White House event Monday that paid tribute to a police captain killed with an assault weapon after a bank robbery. Sensenbrenner remains opposed to the measure.

The gun control debate can prove gut wrenching for Republicans because of dramatic shifts on the issue among GOP moderates in recent years, particularly suburban women. "There increasingly are Republicans who are willing to take what would be considered an un-Republican position on gun control," said Hill.

The debate in Washington comes amid an explosion of gun control legislation at the state level. In the past year, Connecticut and Maryland have become the fourth and fifth states to enact assault weapons bans. Similar proposals are pending in a dozen states.

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Mandela's inauguration: Just 150,000 closest friends

By TINA SUSMAN
Associated Press Writer

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Now that the election is over, the real work begins — on South Africa's, and maybe the world's, biggest party ever.

Next Tuesday's inauguration of the country's first black president will be "simple and dignified" — just Nelson Mandela and about 150,000 of his closest friends, including Britain's Prince Philip, the Chinese president and, probably, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It's a politico's dream but a nightmare for the National Inauguration Committee. How, for example, does one get the Prince of Orange through rush-hour traffic from the airport to the 8 a.m. official breakfast 40 miles away?

What about security? What if it rains? "It won't," committee spokesman Patrick Evans said firmly as construction workers built a stage and seats in the open-air amphitheater where Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, will be inaugurated.

"The weather never gets bad in South Africa. If it rains, it'll rain in the late afternoon. It won't rain in the morning," predicted Evans.

The transfer of power to Mandela, who claimed victory Monday in South Africa's first all-race election, will be more than an inauguration. It will be South Africa's coming-out party after decades of apartheid-era isolation, when no foreign dignitary would be seen here.

Invitations to 188 governments and 23 organizations have been sent. As of Tuesday, more than 120 acceptances had been received, with more expected. Of the confirmed, 42 are heads of state and three are heads of government, presenting a security situation not seen before in South Africa.

Organizers say those sure to attend also include U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali; British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd; Israeli President Ezer Weizman; and the heir to the Dutch throne Willem Alexander, Prince of Orange.

They won't reveal the others who have accepted, but the list is

likely to include U.S. Vice President Al Gore; the wife of President Bill Clinton; and Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization and a longtime supporter of Mandela's ANC.

They will be seated in the amphitheater of the government Union Buildings, overlooking the administrative capital of Pretoria, for a daylong event featuring 3,000 singers, dancers, drummers, musicians and other performers.

Watching the show on huge screens placed around the gardens below will be 150,000 people who have the connections needed to get one of the tickets distributed by companies and social organizations.

"It's not the sort of event where we want to cut corners," said Evans, refusing to reveal the cost. "This is probably going to be the largest gathering of heads of state that has ever occurred in the world."

"It's going to be a simple and dignified event, which I'm quite confident the taxpayers of South Africa will find was not excessive in any way," he said.

Five-star hotels in a 60-mile radius are booked solid.

Never a peaceful place, the country has been on a knife's edge since a series of bomb blasts that began on the eve of voting April 26-29. The last attack on April 26 blasted a hole in the international terminal of Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg and injured 18 people.

Police said the attacks were intended to disrupt the election, and they arrested 32 pro-apartheid extremists.

By the time Mandela and his 400-car convoy reaches Gate 9 at the Union Buildings, traffic — both vehicular and pedestrian — will have been diverted for four to five blocks around the complex. Members of the public who hold tickets will be bused to the event from several distant points and frisked twice for weapons.

Those people who can't get tickets will be encouraged to watch the event on television screens placed at so-called "diversionary events" planned elsewhere. These include a soccer match between South Africa and Zambia in Johannesburg.

Boston second-grader suspended for taking her squirt gun to school

BOSTON (AP) — Barbara Nickoles thinks the Boston School Department went too far with its policy against bringing guns into the classroom.

Nickoles' 7-year-old daughter, Amber, was suspended for three days because she packed a pink squirt gun in her school bag.

The 3-inch-long water pistol was a "mock weapon," school officials said.

Amber also was ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation.

"It's all well and good for Boston public schools to come down hard on guns in school.

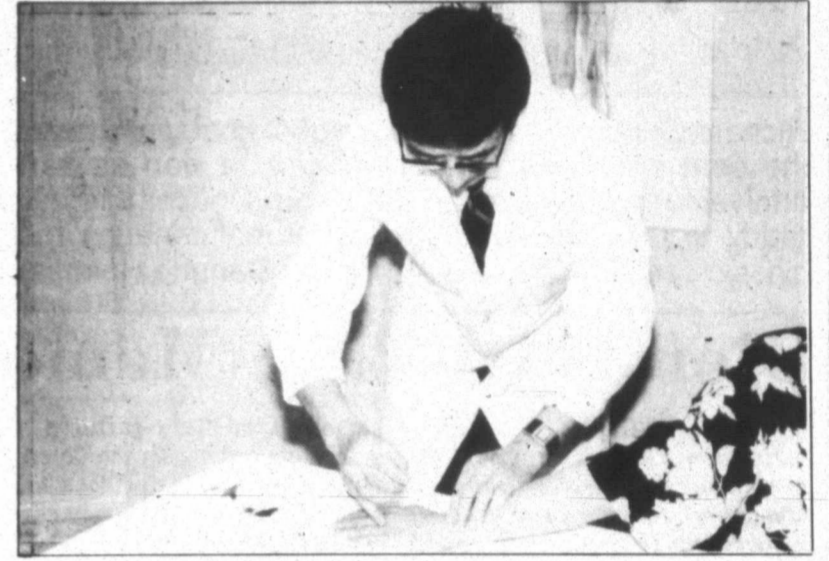
But for them to suspend a 7-year-old for having a pink squirt gun that fits in the palm of her hand is overreacting if I've ever seen it," Nickoles said.

Nickoles said she has transferred her daughter to another school. She said she wanted to go public with the December suspension now that Amber is settled in her new surroundings.

Judith Prince, the principal who suspended Amber, said she believes she took the proper action.

"If it's one small thing that will make them aware of the danger of guns, it's worth it," Prince said.

China Acupuncture Clinic



Dr. Edwin Wong demonstrates acupuncture technique at his office at 1700 N. Duncan. Call Dr. Wong at 669-3253 for an appointment and see what acupuncture can do for you.

City man reports pain relief with acupuncture

J.D. Roberts of Amarillo has suffered from severe back pain for many years. Three back operations between 1972 and 1983 provided temporary relief, but the pain would eventually return. After his 1983 operation a disk blew out in his back, leaving his left leg partially numb.

"I got to the point where I had to crawl on my hands and knees to the bathroom and walking any distance at all was out of the question," he said. "Thanks to the advice of a friend who recommended the China Acupuncture Clinic, I decided to visit Dr. Edwin Wong for treatment. I can tell a big difference."

Roberts reports that after two visits he was able to walk two-and-a-half blocks to the neighborhood convenience store. By his fifth visit he was able to return to his job at Smiley's Wheel Alignment part time.

"I still can't believe how effective the acupuncture treatments are," he reports. "I first limped through the door of Dr. Wong's office with the aid of a crutch ... now I am able to walk normally and work again."

He said that while he was undergoing back treatments he also addressed his smoking habit. He has eliminated his two-pack-a-day smoking habit and no longer has any desire to smoke.

"I would recommend acupuncture to anyone with chronic pain or a smoking habit," he said. "There is no pain involved and you don't even feel the needles. Smiley, my boss, says that he could tell I was in pain because of the look on my face. Now he says that he has a brand new employee. When I think of the \$1,500 I had already spent on conventional medical care and the prospect of further surgery, it makes me glad I went to the China Acupuncture Clinic."

J.D. Roberts is just one of hundreds of people who have benefited from acupuncture at the China Acupuncture Clinic. The clinics, which are located at 6015-B W. 45th in Amarillo and 1700 N. Duncan in Pampa, offers Amarillo and area residents a new weapon in the battle against pain. The treatment itself has been used for thousands of years and has gained increasingly popularity in the U.S. in recent years. In spite of this success, however, many Americans harbor misconceptions about how it works.

According to Dr. Wong, acupuncture involves the use of a special type of needle that is inserted into definite "acupoints" on the body in order to obtain the therapeutic effect. Research shows that changes in physiology, physiopathology and biochemistry occur during treatment and these changes produce profound results including alleviation of pain.

Dr. Wong, a certified acupuncture specialist, says that acupuncture, according to the prestigious World Health Organization, has been successfully used in the treatment of at least 47 different diseases including migraine headaches, bursitis, osteoarthritis, trigeminal neuralgia, menstrual problems, sex problems and other ailments. Acupuncture is also utilized for weight control and to help people break the smoking habit. Wong reports a 90 percent success rate for smoking cessation treatment.

He commented that there is no pain when the needles are inserted into the acupoints, but a slight sting might be felt. There are absolutely no drugs utilized in the process. Each needle is disposed of after use and there is no need to be concerned about disease transmission or infection.

Many patients from throughout the Texas Panhandle have discovered that acupuncture is effective for many types of pain and many ailments. They are being drawn to this ancient discipline because acupuncture doesn't involve the use of potentially harmful drugs that could have undisclosed side effects. As the public becomes aware of the dangers of drugs, they are turning more and more to acupuncture instead of traditional medicine.

Wong says that acupuncture theory is long established. Chinese medical theory defines good health as the proper flow of "chi." The chi or life force is not visible. "Chi" flows along invisible pathways called "jing" or channels of bioenergy. Disease or pain are the result of a blockage of chi at one or more acupoints. When the special needle is inserted into a definite acupoint, it can adjust the function of certain areas or organs from abnormal to normal and also involve the whole body. Therefore, the acupuncture treatment is a whole body treatment. Plenty of research information shows that many changes in physiology, physiopathology and biochemistry could be brought about through the use of acupuncture.

These changes depend on different individual conditions such as the person's constitution, duration of the illness, the nature of the disease, etc. Someone may experience immediate relief while others may have to take more treatments.

For a consultation and more information about acupuncture, visit the China Acupuncture Clinic at 1700 N. Duncan or call 806-669-3253. Let this ancient Chinese medical science help you and your family free themselves from pain and other health problems.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a letter you published from someone who could not understand why the manager of a fast-food restaurant asked him to eat outside with his pet iguana.

I have had many reptiles as pets. They come in all sizes and have varying temperments. A 6-foot-long iguana can injure someone with a swish of its tail, claws or even a nip.

Just because an iguana can be trained to walk on a leash doesn't mean it can be taken everywhere one would take a dog. Although they are one of the most popular pets available, they do not make the best pets.

If you take an iguana out in public, you should never force your presence on anyone — let them come to you.

In most states, there are herpetological clubs where reptile owners exchange information, swap creatures, and even put on shows that allow their pets to be displayed for the public.

We in Georgia are putting on our Ninth Annual Herp Show at Stone Mountain; it is the best tool to educate people about our beloved creatures. People have been taught to fear reptiles — and many have had nightmarish experiences with them.

I think it was tacky and stupid of that writer to take his reptile into an eating establishment.

LAURA IN MARIETTA, GA.

DEAR LAURA: Your interesting letter made some good points, as does the following letter, which explains another reason why iguanas should not be taken into eating establishments.

DEAR ABBY: We read the letter about taking an iguana into a restaurant, and we think lizards should not be in areas where food is being prepared or served.

Your readers should know that people can get salmonella food poisoning by eating undercooked eggs, undercooked poultry, or other foods that may be contaminated with bacterium. Also, most lizards harbor salmonella. Lizards, including iguanas, are a well-documented source of salmonella infections in humans — especially in children. When infected, children typically get severe diarrhea; some even require hospitalization and treatment with intravenous antibiotics for bloodstream infection.

If a lizard has contact with your food, or if you touch a lizard or its cage and then put your fingers to your mouth before washing them, you may find yourself with a whopping case of diarrhea, or worse.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband and I love him very much, and he is a pack rat. He doesn't like to throw anything out.

I recently went through our medicine cabinet and threw away all the outdated over-the-counter medicines. Well, one night my husband went looking for the throat spray and, of course, there wasn't any, so he got upset and told me to stay out of his "stuff."

Abby, the spray I threw away was about six or seven years old. I tried to tell him how dangerous old medicine can be, but he wouldn't listen to me. Maybe he will listen to you.

HIS WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Tell your husband that Abby said to look for the expiration date on the medicine. If the medicine has expired, it's better to toss it out than toss it in — unless you don't mind expiring, too.

District governor to visit Pampa Altrusa club

Sandra Smith, Governor of District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc., and a member of the Arlington Altrusa International, Inc., will be visiting the Pampa Altrusa Club Monday, May 9, at their noon meeting at the Crown and Shield Room of the Coronado Inn.



Smith

Smith moved to Texas in 1975 and holds a Master of Fine Arts in advertising and commercial art.

She is currently the owner of Charter Art, a graphic arts agency in Arlington. She is married and has two children.

Altrusa International is an international association of business executives and professionals who volunteer their energies and expertise in projects dedicated to community betterment.

Route 66 association to hold state convention

MCLEAN — The Old Route 66 Association of Texas will be holding their 4th Annual State Convention Saturday, May 7 at the Western Heritage Community Room in the Texas Route 66 Museum in McLean.

Registration starts at 10 a. m. and the \$6 fee includes a luncheon.

Ten nominees will be inducted into the Texas Route 66 Hall of Fame.

Emory Crockett, Arthur James Dwyer, Ted Glass, Irene Mullanax, and Charles Weaver from McLean; Herbert and Irene Martin, Amarillo; Mamie (McCasland) Poole, Groom; and Frank and Una Payne, Shamrock, will have their pictures and stories permanently placed on the Texas Route 66 Hall of Fame Wall and added to the Texas Route 66 archives.

Newsmakers

Ginger G. Hannon, a Lefors High School senior, will appear in the 27th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1992-93. This is the fourth year she will be recognized.



Hannon

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of those featured have grade point average of "B" or better and 97 percent are college-bound.

Two area students were recently recognized with awards and scholarships during the annual West Texas A&M University's Department of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering Technology banquet.

Jason Blasingame, a freshman engineering technology major from Canadian received the Society of Manufacturing Engineers/Amarillo Mastercraft Industries award.

Carolyn Miranda, a graduate student in mathematics from Shamrock was presented the H. L. Cook award which is presented to the outstanding second-year graduate student in mathematics.

Sixteen local piano students of Gracie Eddins performed in the National Piano Playing Auditions held in Amarillo on May 2. These students each memorized and performed two to three pieces which were adjudicated by Dr. Lynn Dean of Hobbs, N.M.

All sixteen students were given excellent evaluations, and were awarded membership into the National Fraternity of Student Musicians. The students are: Mollie Baker; Johanna Coker; Prenna Coutts; Carrie Coutts; Ashley Derington; Rebecca Fatheree; Sarah Frasier; Claire Hampton; Nathan Hill; Amanda Kilcrease; Brandon Knight; Emily Laird; Jessica Lynch; Danette Navarrete; Jennifer Thornhill; Rebecca Warner.

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Spreading the message



He decided to use that platform by helping students develop a positive outlook and building up their self-esteem.

"That was an area I struggled with as a youth."

In his talk with middle school students, Jackson uses his football experience to tell kids about making choices and building a good foundation.

As a defensive end, he said he needed a good stance so he wouldn't be knocked over easily. He demonstrated this using sixth-grader Alfonso Garcia, who was able to knock Jackson over. "I didn't have a good stance," he explained. Then Garcia and two other students, Selene Delfierro and Jose Soto tried to knock Jackson over, but didn't succeed. "That's because I had a good stance," Jackson explained.

All the students were amazed by his physical demonstrations with their classmates, but Jackson used his demonstrations to convey his message to his audience by what he meant a by good foundation — both on the football field and in life.

He told the middle school students they are already building a good foundation for their lives by getting a proper education.

"You folks need to stay focused in

by MELINDA MARTINEZ Staff Writer

A voice with a powerful message, Joe Jackson, a former professional football athlete, has a great way of relating his anti-drug, anti-gang, and stay-in-school message to kids without preaching to them.

Instead of telling the students, "Don't do drugs" or "Stay in school," Jackson interacts by playing sports with them during his talks. He says by getting an education and achieving their goals, they are building a solid foundation in life for themselves.

Usually his talks take place in a gym where he can interact with the students as they play sports such as basketball, as he did while talking with Pampa High School students earlier in the day. At Pampa Middle School, he had to talk with the students in an auditorium but his message and interaction with students still came through.

"It's more of a 'Say Yes' message" to school, students dreams and goals, he said.

"It's a more positive message," Jackson explained, than the "Say, 'No!' to drugs" message of the 1980s.

Since 1985, Jackson has spoken at over 3,500 high schools nationwide.

After nine years of playing professional football with the New York Jets, Minnesota Vikings, and the Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football League, Jackson retired in 1980 because of his knee.

"I started singing gospel music in 1980 and from there my ministry developed," said Jackson. Even though his ministry began in 1980, he became a Christian his freshman year at New Mexico State University in 1969 and belonged to many Christian organizations. His talks at schools are a part of his own ministries, SuperStar Sports.

Being a former professional football player, Jackson likes to use his status to reach the students.

"I've known ever since I went to college that kids look up to athletes," said Jackson. "And athletes have a platform and are able to communicate with kids."



Top, Jose Soto, Pampa Middle School student, helps Alfonso Garcia, to knock former professional athlete Joe Jackson over during Jackson's visit to the school. Bottom, Jackson visits with a group of students. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Quarrel
 - 5 Gratuities
 - 9 Calif. airline destination
 - 12 Eye amorously
 - 13 Not beautiful
 - 14 Males
 - 15 Adolescent
 - 16 Furniture wood
 - 17 Greek letter
 - 18 French for "summer"
 - 19 — Lingus (airline)
 - 20 Sea
 - 22 Motion picture
 - 24 Wild sheep
 - 25 Shaggy
 - 27 — Games
 - 31 Southwestern Indians
 - 32 Decorate
 - 33 RR depot
 - 34 Intermediate (pref.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Carry
 - 35 Door fastener
 - 36 Set up (golf ball)
 - 37 River mouth
 - 39 Units of time
 - 40 Sault — Marie
 - 41 Fastened
 - 42 What ghosts do
 - 45 Convene
 - 46 Room in harem
 - 49 Hotel
 - 50 Shake-spearean king
 - 52 E pluribus —
 - 53 Turf
 - 54 Grafted, in heraldry
 - 55 Secretary's error
 - 56 — Paulo
 - 57 Act
 - 58 Singer Ed —
- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
- 2 By the time — to
3 Most soft and fluffy
4 Swamp
5 Private pupil
6 Composer —
- Stravinsky
7 Middle East org.
8 Word with same meaning
9 Type of duck
10 Greek cheese
11 — even keel
19 Some
21 Rotating piece
23 Apr. 15 addressee
24 Narrow opening
25 Actor — Cronyn
26 Tropical fruit
27 Paris airport
28 Pen name
29 Roman road
30 Ungentlemanly ones
32 Ripped
35 Fought
36 Foot part
38 Naval abbr.
39 Strike
41 Exhausted
42 Snake's sound
43 Wild ox
44 Take apart
45 Surfait
47 Deceive
48 Book of Old Testament
51 Chemical suffix
52 — Hagen

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WALNUT COVE

WALNUT COVE
By Mark Cullum

Panel 1: "I love little Italian restaurants like this. They cook just like Gramma used to."

Panel 2: (Action)

Panel 3: **SMACK!**

Panel 4: "I think your spaghetti is about ready."

ARLO & JANIS
By Jimmy Johnson

Panel 1: (Action)

Panel 2: "COME ON! GET SOME SHOULDER INTO IT!"

Panel 3: "YOU'RE THROWING LIKE A GIRL!"

Panel 4: "LIKE A WOMAN!"

EEK & MEEK
By Howie Schneider

Panel 1: "MY PROBLEM IS I'M BORING. EVERYBODY TELLS ME I'M BORING. EVERYTHING I SAY IS BORING."

Panel 2: "NO MATTER WHAT I TALK ABOUT PEOPLE GET BORED. THEY SAY IT'S UNINTERESTING, UNIMPORTANT, SENSELESS DRIBBLE THAT DRONES ON AND ON AND ON AND ON..."

Panel 3: "IF I ONLY I KNEW WHAT I WAS DOING WRONG... I'D LIKE TO CHANGE. NOBODY WANTS TO BE CONSIDERED DULL, DULL, DULL, DULL..."

B.C.
By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "I WILL OUTLIVE EVERYBODY!"

Panel 2: "HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?"

Panel 3: "I JUST KNOW. — MARK MY WORDS."

Panel 4: "WHAT FOR? NOBODY'S GONNA BE AROUND TO READ 'EM."

Astro-Graph

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In your own quiet way today you might be able to get a lot more done than persons who strut and boast. The unpretentious methods you employ are the answer. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a knack today other friends may lack, and that is your ability to see positive elements in situations where they see only negative ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In order to succeed today you might have to be a bit more assertive than usual. Instinctively you'll know how much pressure to apply and when.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to have very strong opinions today and you aren't apt to be bashful about expressing them. This will also be true about a friend who diametrically opposes your views.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are presently in a cycle where you have good earning capacity, but you must be careful not to spend everything you make or gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Guard against inclinations today to dominate persons with whom you're closely involved. Your inner resolve might make you more overpowering than you should be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your feelings of self-worth will be diminished today if you do not use your time industriously and productively. Engage yourself in meaningful endeavors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If your social life hasn't lived up to your expectations recently, it could be time for you to look for new playgrounds and playmates. The change could do you good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might not be as patient as you should be today with family members or relatives. If you aren't, you might do or say something you'll wish you hadn't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to arrange your schedule today in ways that will put you in close contact with stimulating thinkers. Your best ideas could come from bouncing thoughts off of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This could be a profitable day for you, provided your primary targets and objectives are of a financial and material nature. Temporarily shelve goals that aren't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Boldness and determination make you a force with which to be reckoned today. If you focus your mind on a specific objective, there may not be too much that can stop you.

MARVIN
By Tom Armstrong

Panel 1: "HEY LOOK! DAD BOUGHT ONE OF THOSE LOTTO GAME CARDS!"

Panel 2: "HOW'S IT WORK?"

Panel 3: "YOU SCRATCH TO SEE IF YOU'VE WON!"

Panel 4: "WELL...? DID I?"

MARMADUKE
By Brad Anderson

Panel 1: (Action)

Panel 2: "The rest of you start eating dinner. Maybe he'll take pity on me."

KIT N' CARLYLE
By Larry Wright

Panel 1: "PAPER-TRAINING A CAT IS A WHOLLY DIFFERENT PROCEDURE FROM PAPER-TRAINING A DOG."

Panel 2: (Action)

ALLEY OOP
By Dave Graue

Panel 1: (Action)

Panel 2: "MY GODNESS! W...WHAT HAPPENED?"

Panel 3: "WOW! IF YOU DOC!"

Panel 4: "BEFORE I ANSWER THAT I THINK YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN TO YOUR FRIENDS WHERE THEY ARE!"

WINTHROP
By Dick Cavalli

Panel 1: "WHY DON'T YOU RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS ANYMORE?"

Panel 2: "I THINK WALKING'S HEALTHIER FOR ME..."

Panel 3: "ESPECIALLY SINCE THE DRIVER FOUND OUT THAT I PUT THE SNAKE IN HIS HAT."

BEATTIE BLVD.
By Bruce Beattie

Panel 1: (Action)

Panel 2: "We're supposed to be diving on an old wreck... isn't this the boat we came out on?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane

Panel 1: (Action)

Panel 2: "Were Gerald Ford and Abraham Lincoln the only presidents to have cars named after them?"

CALVIN AND HOBBS
By Bill Watterson

Panel 1: "Hey, lookit the sissy who didn't sign up for recess baseball!"

Panel 2: "I'M NOT A SISSY!"

Panel 3: "Oh yeah? You'd rather play dolls on the playground with girls."

Panel 4: "I WASN'T PLAYING WITH DOLLS!"

Panel 5: "Sure you weren't! Let me see your Barbie doll, you sissy wimp!"

Panel 6: "I'M NOT A WIMP! IN FACT, I WAS GOING TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR BASEBALL RIGHT NOW!"

Panel 7: "THEN AGAIN, IF I'M NOT A WIMP, WHY AM I TAKING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE?"

THE BORN LOSER
By Art and Chip Sansom

Panel 1: "GLADYS, DID YOU KNOW YOUR NEW PLANT IS INFESTED WITH SPIDER MITES?"

Panel 2: "HOW CAN THAT BE? IT'S AN ARTIFICIAL PLANT!"

Panel 3: "MAYBE THEY'RE ARTIFICIAL SPIDERS"

FRANK AND ERNEST
By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "BEER 90¢"

Panel 2: "OF COURSE THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION, ERNIE. OTHERWISE, YOU WOULDN'T BE WRONG ALL THE TIME."

PEANUTS
By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: "ARE YOU PADDLING UPSTREAM OR DOWNSTREAM?"

Panel 2: (Action)

Panel 3: "SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO CONFUSE YOU..."

GARFIELD
By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "FEELING DULL? WANT TO SEEM MORE EXCITING?"

Panel 2: "HANG OUT WITH SOMEONE EVEN DULLER!"

Panel 3: "WHAT IS IT, GARFIELD?"

Marvel comics to nix smoking characters from trading cards

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Spider-Man, Blaze and the rest of Marvel comics' superheroes have finally met their match: the son of a fervent anti-smoking activist.

The comic book giant is eliminating cigarette and cigar smoking from its superheroes trading cards because of a complaint from 7-year-old Sammy Blum.

Sammy wrote to *The New England Journal of Medicine*, which printed his letter in Thursday's edition.

"I collect Marvel Masterpieces," Sammy wrote. "So do some of my friends and my brothers. I found five out of 100 cards that were smoking!!"

Sammy listed the offending characters, both heroes and villains: Blaze, Gambit, Kingpin, Nick Fury and Red Skull.

"Why do they make cards for kids that show people smoking?" Sammy asked.

The boy's father, family physician Alan Blum, is chairman of a Houston anti-smoking group called Doctors Ought to Care. He travels the country protesting smoking ads and cigarette company-sponsored sporting events.

In a reply printed below a photocopy of Sammy's letter, Marvel

Entertainment Group President Terry Stewart, whose company owns such characters as X-Men, Captain America and the Amazing Spider-Man, announced it would eliminate smoking from future trading cards.

Marvel spokeswoman Pamela Rutt said the company tries to depict its characters with human failings.

"Sometimes their behavior is not what you'd hope it would be. We certainly do not promote smoking or present it as a behavior to emulate," she said.

But, she said, Sammy's letter "really did open our eyes."

Sammy approached his father after noticing the characters' use of tobacco, said Sammy's mother, Doris.

"It was brought to his father's attention and he said, 'Well why don't you write a letter and we'll mail it to a medical journal. We'll see what happens.' Doggone it, they accepted it," Mrs. Blum said.

Her husband was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Ms. Rutt said the company had no plans to reconsider its occasional use of cigarette-smoking characters in comic books, "but it's not really impossible that it might come up."

Space station faces wavering support from key lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two influential congressmen are wavering in their longstanding support of the space station, a turn of events that could doom the program when it is considered by Congress in the coming weeks.

The 55 members of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, which authorizes NASA programs, have been summoned to a closed-door meeting today to discuss the option of killing the station.

Committee Chairman George Brown, D-Calif., a strong advocate of the space station throughout its bumpy journey in Congress, will present the committee with four alternatives, a congressional source said. The committee could vote on them as early as next week.

One would be to introduce a new authorization bill that eliminates the station and has money for paying off contractors, the source said.

The others are: Save the station but take money from other space projects; follow President Clinton's proposal to authorize \$2.1 billion for the

station; or make changes in the bill when it gets to the floor of the House.

Brown has never presented such choices to the committee before. But he signaled a change in his attitude in March when he said if the NASA budget were cut below the \$14.3 billion asked by the administration "I'm probably going to have to go against the space station."

His Republican counterpart, Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., has allied himself with the station in the past, also, but he has been unhappy since the United States last year signed an agreement giving Russia a major role in the station.

The Russians will supply the station's life support systems and propulsion, guidance, navigation and control systems, and receive \$100 million a year in the next four years for doing that.

"We are not just taking risks any more — we are betting the farm on a foreign government's participation in a single project," he said Wednesday in a speech to the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

He said the Clinton administration, which has pushed hard for the station, has given Congress only the choice of rejecting the project or accepting a facility that depends on Russia for its most vital functions.

"That's the wrong choice," Sensenbrenner said. "It's a dumb choice."

The United States has spent more than \$11 billion on the station and its foreign partners \$4 billion, with a commitment of that much more by the time the station is completed and in operation in 2001.

Vice President Al Gore met last Thursday with 20 members of Congress and conceded that the station can't be defended on scientific grounds but only as a foreign policy initiative, according to the source.

Sensenbrenner contrasted the Gore view with State Department insistence at a recent hearing that the Russian agreement was reached because of its financial and technical benefits and not because it prevented Russia from selling nuclear missile technology to India, China, or North Korea.

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