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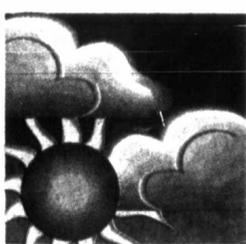
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Top O' Texas Rodeo pulls out all stops

It's that special time of year again when rodeo fever takes its grip on Pampa and the Gray County area.

And, once more, the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is pulling out all the stops to put on good show for competitors and spectators alike.

The Kid Pony Show is a highlight of the early part of the week with performances Monday through Wednesday at 7 nightly.

On Thursday night, the big cowboys roll into town for the PRCA-sanctioned rodeo.

The 52nd Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company will produce this year's show again with much outstanding stock. Charlie Throckmorton of Fort Worth will be announcing

the fast action once again this year.

On Thursday, starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be a free bar-b-que for Thursday ticket holders. Sponsors for this year's bar-b-que are Mundy Companies, Albertson's, Danco Oil Tools and Taylor Petroleum.

While eating bar-b-que, you can watch the ever popular Celebrity Pick-Up Race. Entries are now being accepted for this event which pairs a cowboy and a "city slicker" for lots of fun and excitement.

Friday night is Family Night with special entertainment provided by Susie Luchsinger, gospel and country western singer. Susie's performance is sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and several area churches. Discounted ticket prices are available for Senior Citizens and children when an adult ticket is pur-

chased for Friday's performance.

Donations to help pay for Luchsinger's appearance are still needed.

Saturday, is loaded with rodeo action starting with the rodeo parade at 10 a.m. The parade starts at the M.K. Brown Parking lot area and winds its way through downtown Pampa.

Once again there will be a Wrangler Bullfight each night sponsored by Wayne's Western Wear and Randy and Carla Norris. Some of the top PRCA bullfighting clowns coming to compete include Dan Newman, Greg Rumohr, Jim Bob Feller and Gary Martin.

Sirloin Stockade will furnish dinner to the cowboys each evening in the Cowboy Cafe, and Dobson Cellular

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PAMPA — The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council is seeking nominations for its third annual "Women of Distinction" awards. The awards are presented in recognition of outstanding women who are or have been girl scouts. The deadline for nominations is Aug. 1.

Any women from throughout the 17 counties served by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council, who have been or are girl scouts, may be nominated.

Nomination forms and guidelines may be obtained from the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council Program Center at 6011 W. 45th Amarillo, Texas 79109; 1-800-687-4475.

PAMPA — There will be some familiar friends in the form of puppets Gabby, Captain and Whosoever at Vacation Bible School at New Life Assembly of God, 1435 N. Sumner, July 6-9.

Themed Paradise Island, VBS welcomes pre-kindergarten through fifth-graders from 9 a.m. until noon. On Thursday night, from 7-8, there will be a special family night when a 50-pound ice-cream sundae will be built.

For rides to VBS call 665-1611 or 665-0804.

- Joyce C. Mann, 68, Calvary Baptist Church and Women of the Mosse Lodge member.
- W.A. 'Bill' Monce, 70, former longtime Pampa resident.
- Freda M. Seitz, 78, First Baptist Church and Top O' Texas Women's Republican Club member.

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Andy Epps, right, with father and Pampa resident Lewis Epps, shows off some of the weaponry collection he donated to the Freedom Museum

Guns, ammunition central to newest museum exhibit

Dallas man donates personal collection

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

um exhibit additions. "This is a very valuable display. You can't put a price tag on it," said Porter.

his wife went through the collection and admitted they weren't sure why they had kept the remains.

"We're close to retirement," Epps told Porter, "and if I put them in the museum the whole world can see them."

Guns, guns and more guns. The Pampa Freedom Museum recently received a donation resulting in dozens of guns, ammunition and artillery remains from weapons used in wars over the last century.

Andy Epps of Dallas, the son of Pampa's Lewis and Evelyn Epps, donated the weapons to the museum on a trip to Pampa earlier in the spring.

Museum curator Mike Porter spent several weeks building a large enclosed display case to hold the large and newest muse-

um exhibit additions. "This is a very valuable display. You can't put a price tag on it," said Porter.

After examining the collection before bringing it to Pampa, Epps said he found many things he didn't realize he had collected.

"We're close to retirement," Epps told Porter, "and if I put them in the museum the whole world can see them."

The Epps collection is on display currently at the Freedom Museum.

Student takes on CC-Pampa Center for senior architect design project

By DARLENE BIRKES
For the News

Recent Texas Tech graduate from Pampa Kirk McDonald has already had a "real world" experience. He recently completed a campus design for Clarendon College-Pampa Center as his senior project for his Bachelor of Landscape Architect degree.

"The best thing I learned was that I could work on a real world project with real world architects," said McDonald, son of Lee and Katie McDonald of Pampa. He enjoyed "getting to work hand in hand around a big table" in the office of BGR Architects-Engineers firm in Lubbock, designers of the proposed Pampa Center.

"I used my web page, which my professor really liked," said McDonald. He would scan conceptual diagrams and drawings for Joe Kyle Reeve, Dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, Mike Brylges of BGR, as well as his professor and his mother—keeping everyone updated. Reeve could comment back via E-mail, so feedback was conventionally quick.

McDonald drew up his conceptual plan after meeting with Reeve and the Pampa Center Foundation building committee. He used BGR's grading plan, plus soil research

from his father, a soil conservationist for the Department of Agriculture, and zoning and other data from the Pampa City Hall. At Tech he researched elements that should be included on a college campus.

McDonald's plan included separating pedestrian traffic from vehicular, so no pedestrian would have to cross car paths. Another element he considered was possible expansion of property to the west, so he framed the layout of the east with a road to block off the apartments and left the west open. He said he was glad that BGR used some of his conceptual plan in their design.

His design includes a 50-page manual and two display boards he has donated to Pampa Center. The manual also has a planting plan for the immediate area around the college building.

"The best part was that I had a role in something for my home town," said McDonald.

He had taken courses at the Pampa Center, and he wanted his senior project to be something that would be used. The grade was not his concern, although he was glad to have the "A." His satisfaction was knowing that he was a campus designer for the new college building in Pampa, he said.

See CLARENDON, page 2



WWII veteran Blas Arzola salutes during a July 4 presentation by the veterans of VFW Post #1657 this weekend at Pampa Nursing Center.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Brandie Lynn Neal.
Occupation/Activities: Mom and college student.
Birth date and place: January 21, 1979, Amarillo, TX.
Family: Son, Xavier and Husband, Adrian.
When I grow up I want to be: a child psychologist or high school counselor.

My personal hero: I have goals, but no living heroes. Jesus would be the only person deserving of that title.

The best advice I ever got was: "Be honest."

People who knew me in high school thought: that I spoke my mind.

The best word or words to describe me: outspoken, blunt and passionate.

People will remember me as being: who I am, nothing more, nothing less.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Jean Piaget, David Duchovny, Sigmund Freud and David Letterman.

My hobbies are: drawing, writing and the X-Files.

My favorite sports team is: Sports are really overrated. If we encouraged kids about math and writing and diplomacy the way we do football, this would be a higher quality nation.

My favorite author is: George Orwell.

The last book I read was: "Insomnia" by Stephen King.

My favorite possession is: I have lots of good stuff. We're really blessed.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: God choosing me to be Xavier's mother.

My favorite performer is: The Smashing Pumpkins.

I wish I knew how to: sing, I'm awful.

My trademark cliché or expression is: My worst habit is: throwing my clothes and shoes all over the floor; being messy.

I would never: say that I would never do something. You never know who you'll become or what you'll do.

The last good movie I saw was: "As Good As It Gets".

I stay home to watch: the "X-Files".

Nobody knows: that I kind of like classical music.

Someday I want to drive a: mini-van.

My favorite junk food is: chocolate "Reisens" candy.

My favorite beverage: Cappuccino Blast (Baskins Robbins).

My favorite restaurant is: The Outback Steakhouse.

My favorite pet: is bunnies.

For my last meal, I would choose: steak (medium rare), grilled shrimp, black tie chocolate cheesecake, sauteed mush-

rooms and a Cappuccino Blast.

I wish I could sing like: Jewel.

I regret: not working harder in High School. I should have been first instead of third.

I'm tired of: worrying about my weight and appearance.

I have a phobia about: snakes and snails.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: the computer.

The biggest waste of time is: worrying.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: throw Xavier a HUGE birthday party with all kinds of cool presents, food and entertainers.

If I had three wishes they would be: to get rid of America's warped beauty standards, to be able to open up a clinic where pregnant women could get free counseling and information about pregnancy to encourage them to look at options beyond abortion and for child abuse to end.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: I'd put it closer to Lefors so I wouldn't have to leave 15 minutes early to get to school.

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Services tomorrow

MANN, Joyce C. — 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa.
MONCE, W.A. "Bill" — Burial, 2 p.m., Pampa.
SEITZ, Freda M. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

JOYCE C. MANN

Joyce C. Mann, 68, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 1, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Mann was born March 26, 1930, at Grow, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident since 1942. She married James T. Mann on Aug. 28, 1944, at Pampa; he died June 26, 1994. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and Women of the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Sitz of Amarillo and Pamela Jonas of Pampa; three sons, Robert Mann of Edmond, Okla., William Mann of Pampa and Richard Mann of Sunray; a sister, Estelle Houser of Modesto, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle or to Calvary Baptist Church Benevolence Fund.

W.A. 'BILL' MONCE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — W.A. "Bill" Monce, 70, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Thursday, July 2, 1998. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in South Colonial Chapel. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Pampa under the direction of Vondel L. Smith and Son Mortuary of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Monce was born May 13, 1928, at Pecos, Texas, to William and Pearl Monce.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; his children; a sister; and grandchildren.

FREDA M. SEITZ

Freda M. Seitz, 78, of Pampa, died Thursday, July 2, 1998, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Billy T. Jones, minister of West Side Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Seitz was born Oct. 21, 1919, at Nocona, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident since 1946, moving from Dumas. She married Jones Seitz in 1948 at Pampa; he died in 1989. She was a bookkeeper for Fatheree Drug in Dumas and later worked for Fatheree Drug in Pampa. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Top O' Texas Women's Republican Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Seitz of Burbank, Calif.; a sister, Jewel Wells of Friona; two brothers, Floyd Johnson of Lubbock and Wayne Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The family will receive visitors at 1033 Christine St. in Pampa and requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 4.

Thursday, July 2

Individual previously arrested for domestic disturbance, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer complained of his arm hurting.

Friday, July 3

Greg Edmondson, 18, 729 Deane, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

An assault was reported at 1129 Rider.

Theft of a gun reported at 201 W. Kingsmill.

Violation of protective order reported at 828 Locust.

Theft of a \$100 ladder reported at Wilson Elementary.

Assault family violence reported at 2020 Coffee.

Saturday, July 4

Burglary of a \$400 VCR and an \$89 video game player was reported from 1000 S. Banks.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported from 924 S. Wells.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending on Saturday, July 4 at 7 a.m.

Friday, July 3

John Paul Roark, 28, Lubbock, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana.

Shawn Patrick Bailey, 23, Lubbock, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 4.

Friday, July 3

1:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Harvester and Hobart on a motor vehicle accident call. No patients were transported.

3:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1000 Neel Rd on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:33 p.m. — A local nursing home called with a trauma and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 4.

Friday, July 3

1:44 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at the 1400 block of N. Hobart. No injuries were reported.

11:12 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Locust on a gas leak.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

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Mike Porter, Lewis Gallamore, John Tripplehorn, Tommy Adams, Dean Carson and Paul Peters, all veterans from VFW post #1657, spent Friday afternoon visiting senior citizen homes in Pampa to present flags and poppies in honor of July 4.

Rodeo

will be providing a free long distance telephone call.

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will provide ice cream for dessert and Connie's Hair Shop will furnish free haircuts to the PRCA cowboys. The Top O' Texas Rodeo is a Dodge Ram Tough Rodeo thanks to Robert Knowles Dodge Sponsorship.

The rodeo dance sponsored by Taylor Petroleum, will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Clyde Carruth

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Pavillion. Redneck will be playing and tickets may be purchased at the door.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to hold the Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Pageant again in conjunction with this year's rodeo. Directors Sonja Daniel and Jamie Greene have put together an outstanding pageant with the help of many sponsors.

The Horsemanship competition will be held at the arena on Thursday at 5 p.m. The contestants will present the sponsor flags during each evening's per-

formances and the coronation ceremony will be held during the Saturday night performance. The winners will receive many prizes including a beautiful silver belt buckle sponsored by Uniglobe Travel, Top O' Texas Evening Kiwanis, Clark Carr Memorial, and Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee.

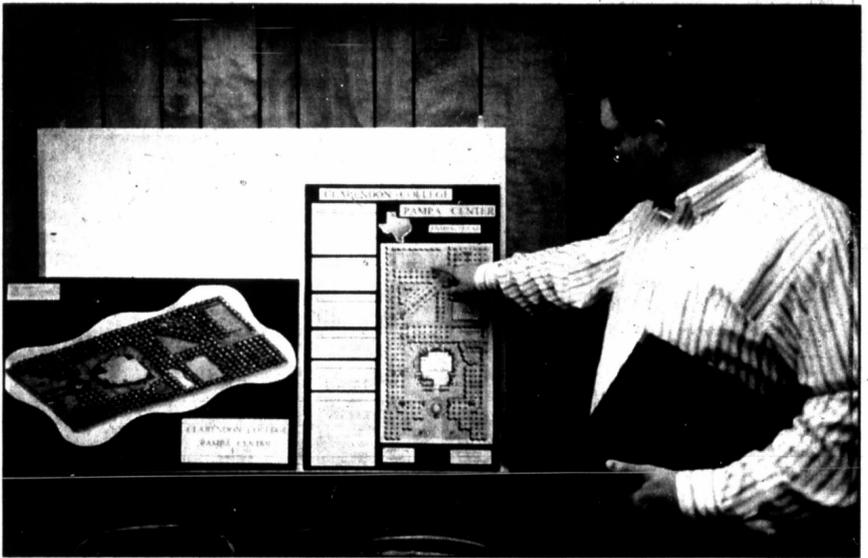
The Queens Luncheon and Style Show will be held on Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Country Club. Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office for the luncheon and the public is encouraged to attend.

Clarendon

McDonald will be joining Richardson-Verdoorn, landscape architects in Austin, in June. He will be

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leaving behind a sister who is a sophomore at Tech. His parents are both Tech graduates as well as another sister, Stacie. A third sister, Sherri, is a San Angelo State graduate.



Joe Kyle Reeve, Dean of CC-Pampa Center, surveys Kirk McDonald's landscape design. (Special photo)



(from left) Thadys Hedger, Nikita Marie Ellis and Martha Ellis, welcome the flags presented to them at the Snyder House Friday by the veterans of post #1657.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, partly sunny, southwest winds between 10 and 20 mph, with a high of 100. Tomorrow, dry, hot and sunny with a high of 102 and a low in the 70s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Sunday, partly sunny with a high in the upper 90s. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph with higher gusts. Low Rolling Plains — Sunday, partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms possible western sections. Highs 95-100. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows 65-75. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, partly cloudy and hot. Highs 97-103. Lows 70-75. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Sunday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows 70-75. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 70-75. Far West Texas — Sunday, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows from the upper 60s to mid 70s. North Texas — Sunday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms central and west, a slight chance of thunderstorms east. High 93 to 97.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Sunday, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s inland to upper 80s coast. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal

Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90 coast to the mid 90s inland. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Deep South Texas — Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90 coast to the mid 90s inland, near 104 inland west. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Sunday and Sunday night, fair to partly cloudy. Dry northwest and far east. Isolated afternoon and early evening thunderstorms elsewhere. Warmer with highs upper 70s to around 90 mountains with 90s to near 101 lower elevations. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with 60s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Sunday, partly cloudy west. A chance of thunderstorms elsewhere. Highs in the 90s. Sunday night, fair skies northwest. Partly to mostly cloudy elsewhere with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 70 to 75.

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Lamar summer program



Heather Likes, (back row, left), Jamie Rollins and Kayla Hernandez and (front row) Nickki Watts and Jessica Hearron stand in front of the dinosaur they studied as part of the Summer Reading Program at Lamar Elementary School.

Dozens overcome by carbon monoxide fumes while shopping

EDGEWOOD, N.M. (AP) — Authorities closed a small shopping center Friday after 47 people were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes inside a food store — and then 15 employees became ill when the store reopened hours later. The potentially deadly fumes were traced to a faulty, propane-powered floor buffer. But authorities had not determined what affected the second group of people about seven hours after the store reopened. "We're looking at something entirely different," said Kevin Henson, a spokesman for the Santa Fe Fire Department. Henson said the 15 workers

at the John Brooks Food Store had the same symptoms of nausea, vomiting and dizziness as those affected earlier. All were taken to hospitals. Earlier, 10 of the 47 who were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes were taken to hospitals. Three were later released. Conditions on the others weren't available, but none were in life-threatening situations, Henson said. Carbon monoxide levels at the store had been 40 times the level considered lethal earlier Friday, Henson said. But they were normal when they were checked after the second wave of illnesses. The entire shopping center —

consisting of eight businesses — was closed until the source of the problem could be found. Edgewood is about 25 miles east of Albuquerque.

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Jury deadlocked in blinding trial

DALLAS (AP) — A jury will return from the three-day Fourth of July weekend to continue deliberating the fate of a 17-year-old high school wrestler accused of gouging another young man's eyes.

Jurors met for six hours Thursday before telling the judge they were deadlocked 9-3, without saying which way. They could be overheard yelling in disagreement several times.

They're expected to pick up where they left off Monday.

In a note to State District Judge Hal Gaither, the jury said, "Our positions are solidified. We don't expect any movement."

The judge told jurors they would have to deliberate a total of four days — the time it took to pick

a jury and present evidence in the aggravated assault trial — before declaring a mistrial, defense attorney David Scoggins said.

The mother of 16-year-old gouging victim, Jason Prickett, said she didn't understand why the jury had not found her son's attacker guilty.

The mother of 16-year-old gouging victim, Jason Prickett, said she didn't understand why the jury had not found her son's attacker guilty.

"I'm confused," Beverly Prickett told The Dallas Morning News. "You can get upset or just be strong."

But the father the defendant, a student J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, had a different interpretation of the jury's indecision. "It can't be anything but good

news," he said.

The defendant, who is not being named because he is on trial as a juvenile, is accused of gouging Prickett's eyes during an April 19 brawl between members of rival groups.

Senate committee to conduct hearing

The Senate Interim Committee on Public Information will conduct a public hearing in Amarillo at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 1998, at the Potter County Commissioners Court, 500 South Fillmore Street.

The Senate Interim Committee on Public Information is chaired by Senator Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, who was appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock.

Other members of the committee are senator John Carona, R-Dallas; Senator Ken Arbrister, D-Victoria; Senator Eliot

Shapleigh, D-El Paso; and Senator John Whitmire, D-Houston.

The committee is charged with identifying areas of concern associated with the Public Information Act, including harassment, commercial enterprise, circumvention of the act's requirements, delays in production of information, access and availability of information, and costs and expenditure of public resources.

The committee is also studying the impact of the Public Information Act on the privacy interests of Texans and reviewing the role of technology as it applies to the act.

"In our system of self-government, it is vital that citizens have access to their government," Wentworth said. "With the rapid changes in technology we are currently experiencing, we need to ensure that the Public Information Act keeps pace so that it may serve its intended purpose."

The agenda for the meeting includes invited testimony regarding judicial records, public access to accident reports and restricting access to information contained in motor vehicle records.

After the invited testimony, the committee will hear public testimony on legislations and issues delineated in the committee charges.

"The Committee charges are relatively broad, which gives the committee a lot of latitude on the issues," Wentworth said. "Although several key issues have been established, we will be responsive to the public's testimony and let them assist us in defining the course of the interim study."

Public hearings have been held by the committee in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Tyler, Harlingen, and Fort Worth. The Amarillo meeting is the last in the series of public hearings the committee will hold around the state.

RWTP announces Haunted by Love Writing Contest

DUMAS — Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle announce the 1998 Haunted by Love Writing Contest. Deadline is Aug. 21. Categories are contemporary romance, historical romance, paranormal/time travel romance, inspirational romance and contemporary/historical suspense. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded to first, second and third places. Entrants must be 18-years-old to participate. Winners will be announced at the Haunted by Love Conference in Amarillo, Texas on Oct. 23-24.

For contest rules contact Chapter Advisor, 1202 Binkley, Dumas, TX 79029, phone/fax (806) 935-7573, or RWTP, Box 1343, Amarillo, TX 79105-1343.

Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle is an affiliate of Romance Writers of America, a non-profit organization to help writers achieve a career in romantic fiction.

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Inside the
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 Sen. Hutchison

Economists are realistic

USDA is plowing backward on crop insurance

There's a story Texans tell about the northern fella who decided to go into farming, and got his tractor stuck in reverse. He unplowed three acres.

That pretty much describes what the U.S. Department of Agriculture was planning to do with the way it processes crop insurance claims this year.

Last month the Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency proposed changing the rules governing appraisal and adjustment procedures for crop insurance policies on non-emergent seed resulting from a lack of moisture. In layman's language, this means seeds that fail to grow due to lack of rain.

The draft regulation would have deferred appraisals in such cases to 25 days after the final planting date. During drought conditions, a seven-day appraisal process has been the historical practice.

To me, this was just one more example of bureaucratic excess, rushing to fix a problem without first taking into account all the possible ramifications of a given action.

We see it all the time. Federal regulators jump the gun and step in, often making a situation worse. For example, several years ago the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Austin came up with a conservation plan to provide habitat for the golden-cheeked warbler, a bird which may or may not have been headed for the endangered species list. The plan raised the cost of home sites in parts of Travis County by as much as \$5,000 an acre — good intentions, disastrous execution.

So, while the merits of the federal crop insurance program can and should be debated, it would be highly unreasonable to impose such a change in the middle of a growing season, and suddenly, at that.

I heard from many Texas producers and insurers who were extremely concerned about the possible ramifications of the proposed change. These farmers purchased 1998 policies in good faith, based on their current understanding of how the program works.

It would be grossly unfair to make substantive changes in the administration of these policies now, when the relevant sales closing dates have passed, and when farmers have made critical business decisions based on the original terms of the policies.

The agency asserts that the program is vulnerable to abuse. If that is so, Congress and the Department of Agriculture will need to work together to correct it.

I intend to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture to find the fairest, and most reasonable solution to any underlying problems with the federal crop insurance program. In the meantime, the department's Risk Management Agency has agreed to my request to delay changing the procedures on this year's policies. That will give the USDA and Congress time to revisit how policies can best be structured to prevent these problems in the future.

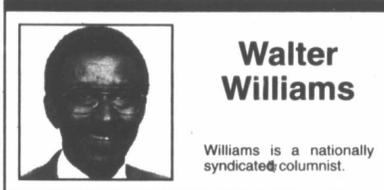
Economists aren't the best people to have around when others are delightedly praising the benefits of this or that public policy. We have the nasty habit of bringing up the unpleasant topic of costs. Let's look at how unpleasant economists can be.

Do-gooders like Ralph Nader want Congress to pass legislation mandating that the Federal Aviation Administration require infants to travel in separate child-restraint seats instead of on the laps of the parents. The estimated 10-year cost to parents is \$1 billion dollars in higher travel expenses.

The Nader crowd chimes that if just one life is saved, it's worth it. That's the benefit side: In the remote possibility of a mishap, a few infants' lives may be saved. However, it's impossible to have a benefit without a cost. Having to pay extra fare will force roughly 20 percent of families traveling with infants to drive rather than fly.

Since highway travel is far more hazardous than air travel, the child-restraint provision would lead to an estimated net increase of 82 infant and adult fatalities over a 10-year period. While there's a benefit to the aircraft child-restraint provision, there's a cost that exceeds the benefit.

Speaking of airline safety, we might even ask how much FAA policing is necessary in the first



Walter Williams

Williams is a nationally syndicated columnist.

place. Here's my reasoning, with a question to you: Suppose you went out and bought a McDonald-Douglas 11 for \$115 million or a Boeing 777 for \$140 million. Would you be indifferent as to whether that plane landed safely or not? I suspect you'd pay a lot of attention to safety, even if you didn't give a hoot about passengers.

Some people might say, "Williams, you can't be too safe!" I say, yes you can. When NASA launches Discovery, there's an extensive pre-flight systems check. There are ships, planes and other rescue equipment on station in the event of a mishap.

Do you think there should be similar safety procedures for each passenger flight that takes off? Not me — that amount of safety is not worth it. What about automobile travel? Who bothers to do safety checks like inspecting brake cables,

the emergency brake cable and fuel fittings each time they drive?

The benefit would be that of reducing the chances of an accident due to mechanical failure. However, the cost would be the time lost that could be put to higher-valued uses. Weighing value of the expected benefits against the value of the costs, most people simply turn the ignition key and go.

Any economist will tell you that if we only looked at benefits, we'd do darn near anything — because there are always benefits.

In the early '80s, I attended an awards banquet in New York City. Sen. Robert Byrd was one of the speakers, and he chose to criticize the Reagan administration for wanting to raise the speed limit to 70 mph despite the argument that "55 saved lives." During the question period, I asked the senator whether he'd go along with making the speed limit 5 mph. In that case, there'd be no highway fatalities.

Byrd's reply to me was that my suggestion was ridiculous and impractical — to which I responded that what he really meant was the additional lives saved by a 5 mph limit were just not worth all the travel delay and inconvenience.

The economist's bottom-line message is that for human compassion and efficiency, benefits should at least equal costs.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Sunday, July 5, the 186th day of 1998. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 5, 1946, the bikini made its debut during a fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris. Model Micheline Bernardini wore the daringly skimpy two-piece outfit, which was created by Louis Reard.

On this date:
 In 1801, American naval hero David G. Farragut was born in Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1830, the French occupied the North African city of Algiers.

In 1865, William Booth founded

the Salvation Army in London.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke diplomatic relations.

In 1947, Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1948, 50 years ago, Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing government-financed medical and dental care.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tenn.; the song he recorded was "That's All Right (Mama)."

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he

defeated Jimmy Connors.

In 1978, a Soviet Soyuz spacecraft touched down safely in Soviet Kazakhstan with its two-member crew, including the first Polish space traveler — Major Miroslaw Hermaszewski.

Ten years ago: Attorney General Edwin Meese III announced he would resign, saying he had been vindicated by an independent prosecutor's 14-month probe into his official conduct.

Five years ago: A United Nations team left Iraq after trying for more than a month to persuade the Baghdad government to allow surveillance cameras at two former missile test sites. President Clinton left Washington for a Group of Seven summit in Japan.

One year ago: NASA scientists brainstormed to fix problems that left Mars Pathfinder's robot rover stuck aboard the lander. Cambodia's Second Prime Minister Hun Sen launched a bloody coup that toppled First Prime Minister Norodom Ranariddh. Sixteen-year-old Martina Hingis became the youngest Wimbledon singles champion this century as she beat Jana Novotna in the women's finals. (Charlotte "Lottie" Dod won in 1887 at age 15.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 64. Actress Shirley Knight is 62. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 54. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 50. Rock star Huey Lewis is 48.

What a dull summer this is!

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Charley Reese Syndicated columnist

A big, high-pressure cell has been lying on the Gulf of Mexico like an anesthetized St. Bernard for several weeks now. Its steady, hot breath has made the lower latitudes where I live start to look more like Arizona than Florida.

I will be glad when the jet stream dips down and gooses this cell awake. Then we can settle down to our normal hot mornings and rainy afternoons, with good thunder and lightning shows and occasional tropical storms. After all, if I preferred scorpions and Gila monsters to palmetto bugs and water moccasins, I would have settled in Tucson.

But it seems that the whole country has sort of settled back for a snooze during the hot months. The Clinton-Starr scandal machine clinks along. The prez is following my advice and traveling overseas a lot. What is euphemistically called the Middle East peace process remains locked up like an engine with no oil. Fax machines continue to spit out their special pleadings. But nothing seems exciting, and no one seems to be excited.

It's an Al Gore kind of summer. Sen. John McCain, the strange man from Arizona with the strange past, told an unbelievably tasteless joke at some Washington shindig. In it, he managed to insult the president's daughter and the attorney general. McCain, however, is a darling of the Beltway

press corps (reason enough never to vote for him), and they let him off light. Typical of McCain, by the way, the joke was not only tasteless and insulting but not funny either.

Gore misspoke and said Michael Jackson (there is a slight difference), but because Gore is not Dan Quayle, the press did not make a big deal of that either. Ho hum.

A strange lethargy has crept over the country. The next thing we know Jerry Springer will have a show with normal people on it (him excepted).

Even Hollywood, which is releasing an unusually large number of summer movies, has not come up with one that has caused any real stir of conversation outside its own incestuous circles.

Nor are the criminals pulling their weight in keeping the excitement junkies awake. The crime rate continues to go down for the sixth straight year. Pretty soon local TV stations will have to resort to reporting foreign crime. "Eight thousand miles away today, a businessman you don't know in a place you've

never been was murdered on a street the name of which we can't pronounce. Details on the 'Six O'clock News.'"

You think I'm kidding. Hey, my own paper has resorted to front page headlines announcing that the weather is hot and dry. And when some woman decided to have her baby's birth broadcast on the Internet, 1 million people had nothing better to do than watch it.

I'm old enough to remember when people were making Utopian predictions about the wonders of leisure time that were surely coming to America. It seems to me, however, that leisure, prosperity and peace are not good for people. People with nothing to do, plenty to eat and no threat to overcome seem to go to pot pronto.

Maybe it's biological. The human race has spent far more time going hungry and running from tigers and dinosaurs than it has watching television and reading newspapers. It could be that our systems are designed for crisis-living and that when nothing big and mean is hunting us and we aren't hungry, the body starts to shut down.

Unless some crisis occurs, we may evolve into an entire nation of Al Gores. Wouldn't that be a snore? Boredom, rather than barbarians, may end our empire and bring on the Dull Age.

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Letters to the editor

Seeing the world makes for some wonderful memories

To the editor:
"There are better things to do on a Friday night than to drive the drag in Pampa. I mean what is the point? You drive around in circles for endless hours wasting gas. Sheesh!" Chances are if you have ever met Susie Wilson you've heard that phrase at least once, and if you've known her any length of time you've probably heard it more times than you care to remember.

Don't misunderstand, she was never criticizing Pampa. She loves Pampa, she just wanted people to realize that they wouldn't fall off the edge of the earth if they left the city limits. On May 26, she proved her point to several Pampa teenagers and adults when we all boarded a plane for London, England, and an adventure that those of us who went won't soon forget.

This trip will be a source of memories for the rest of our lives. Not many people, let alone teenagers, can say they have been to London, Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam. For one girl, this will be the trip she took her first airplane ride. Eight hours over an ocean to a whole new world.

Many people in the group will tell their children and grandchildren about the time they got stuck on the elevator on the Eiffel Tower for over 20 minutes. None of us will soon forget the day in Paris when Susie made us walk and walk and walk. We griped at the time but even the next day we were glad she had made us because we got to see things we wouldn't have otherwise. Or what about the day we climbed ALL of those steps to the top of Mont St. Michel? Then there was the night in St. Malo where we waited for the famous tide to come in. According to the locals, it came in with the speed of a racehorse. As one group member pointed out, it must have been a lame racehorse. How could anyone ever forget seeing the Crown Jewels in London or the Mona Lisa and the Venus di Milo at the Louvre in Paris? We saw Buckingham Palace, the Eiffel Tower, and the Arc de Triomphe, and too many other things to name.

Together we faced challenges, like fitting four girls with three bags each into the cabin of an overnight ferry. It was hard enough fitting them into a hotel room the size of a classroom at the high school. Never mind a cabin the size of a clothes closet! We faced moments of sadness, like when we were walking through the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. The silence was almost deafening as we wondered what it must have been like to be a 13-year-old girl in constant fear of the Nazis and the persecution of the Jews.

There were many, many laughs too. We all were wondering how much chocolate mousse a person could eat in a one week time frame. We found out. We had it four consecutive days served every possible way you can think of. Sliced, scooped, in a cup, with cookies, without cookies, with sauce, without sauce ... well, you get the picture. Most importantly though, it was that we all formed new friendships and strengthened old ones. It wasn't just a vacation but a time for growth and learning.

No, this is one trip we will never forget. Pampa is a wonderful place to live but we are grateful that we got a chance to see at least part of the world outside it. Merci, Susie, for giving us the opportunity to do something for at least two Friday nights besides driving the drag in Pampa. All of our lives have been enriched because of it.

The World Travelers: Johnathan and Jared Smith, Tyler Hudson, Jonathan Taylor, Windy Wagner, Sarita Mohan, Angie D'Jesus, Tish Hadley, Kim McKandless, Faustine Curry, Amber Crosswhite, Sara Fraser, Amy Robbins, Rose Fruge, Ashley Laycock, Maurey Bell, Lindsay Langford and Michelle Lee

God needs more faith agents like the Patricks

To the editor:
Thirteen years ago came Rev. I.L. Patrick and family to Macedonia Baptist Church — not knowing what to expect in the people he dedicated himself to lead, teach, etc. A church bound by traditions, many souls not really touched by the hand of God, or even heeded to the word of God. The Rev. and Mrs. began praying to aid us to pray, how to pray and what to pray for. We began praying for praise. We prayed to praise God for waking us up — starting us on our way — the activi-

Man accused of killing wife after keeping her captive 30 years

RINGGOLD, Ga. (AP) — For more than 30 years, Alvin Eugene Ridley said he lived with a broken heart, telling friends and relatives his wife had left him. She had returned home to her parents or gone North, he said.

Authorities now claim the former television repairman kept Virginia Ridley captive in their home for three decades until smothering her to death last year.

Ridley, 56, was charged with murder Monday after a lengthy investigation that began when an autopsy revealed that his wife died from a lack of oxygen.

"It appeared that foul play was involved in her suffocation," Cataosa County Coroner Vanita Hullander said. "Someone could have held the nose and the mouth shut. We don't know. It was by a means other than natural."

Ridley called police Oct. 4 and said his wife — whom he claimed had not lived with him in years — had just died.

Authorities found the woman lying in a bed inside Ridley's fenced-in house with barred windows.

"I'd heard stories that he had a wife, but I'd never seen her. And there she was!" Ms. Hullander said. "We weren't sure if it was her at first. We just had his word that it was her."

Ms. Ridley's body appeared slightly malnourished but showed no signs of physical abuse, the coroner said.

She had suffered from seizures caused by a blow to the head when she was about 9. She required medication and treatment.

Ms. Ridley was last seen outside her home in 1967, when concerned family members obtained a court order to see her, authorities said. Ridley brought his wife to court, where she said she was fine and wished to continue living with her husband, District Attorney Buzz Franklin said.

But the family continued to suspect she was being held captive in the rundown house in this city near the Tennessee line.

"We tried to see her many times and he said we'd be chased out of Ringgold, or if we came back we'd be dead," said a sister, Linda Barber. "He was really a violent person. He kept her locked up in the house, or locked up somewhere."

ty of our limbs and our hearts and minds on Jesus.

The family was always complaining about the empty seats in the church. Mrs. Patrick, being our mission teacher, expressed to us what our mission was — to see that those seats be filled every Sunday morning and to go out to witness to the people that God is in us — people will see Him. The glow of Him shines in us, the joy, the smiles and the love of him will fill seats.

Rev. Patrick taught "It's not who you are — Whose you are!" and "Use what you have." God doesn't look at numbers. He makes numbers count. Every Christian must be willing to give what he has to the cause so that Christ can use it. Learning how to be accountable for our own actions — taking on responsibility. Being doers of the word, not only hearers. "Faith to believe that behind every mystery there is a blessing to be received."

God needs more faith agents like Rev. and Mrs. Patrick. They demonstrate that faith in the Lord Jesus is possible in spite of of circumstances. The faithful are never all alone in ordeals. Paul wrote: "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known" II Tim. 4:16-17. Courage and success in this world is ever and always a matter of being faithful. Rev. and Mrs. are believers who are willing to stand for the Lord in any and all circumstances and will receive the strength and the courage to do so in spite of grave consequences. Being faithful to the Lord, He will indeed stand by the faithful and strengthen in times of need and danger. The believers business is to be faithful and all else needed will be provided by the Lord!

Psalms 95:1 says, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." We the family of Macedonia thank you for what you have endured, the many ways through which you communicate to us your love in various ways; to help us to be open in order to hear and receive; and showed that we cannot please God and please the world at the same time. We cannot serve God and money. We must also remember always that whatever we do, good, bad, in the dark and in the day light, nothing escapes God's attention. The love we receive from you is reason to show to others. God bless you in all your endeavors.

Macedonia Baptist Family
Pampa

Quality health care is available here in Pampa

To the editor:
I am writing today to let everyone in Pampa and the surrounding area know what wonderful health care we have that is available to absolutely everyone.

I especially want to reach the people that don't have a family doctor and those people that think they can't afford one. I'm here to tell you — we all have a place to go for professional health care.

May I introduce to you Columbia Health Care Clinic, 600 W. Kentucky Ave. There are two nurse practitioners — each with their own specialty in family health care; Suzanne takes care of the mommys and mommy's-to-be and Joan takes care of the children from birth to 18 years old. There are lots of other nurses and staff members that makes the clinic work so well.

It is true that many people in the lower income bracket go to the clinic for health care. But there are lots of people, like myself, that are in "limbo" as far as health care. My husband and I both work, thus making too much money to qualify for Medicaid — on the other hand — we don't make enough to pay for a private doctor. We are not forced to. We chose to go to the clinic for the health care for our family.

So, if you, too, are in "limbo" as far as health care for you and your family, just call the clinic and talk to them. There are staff members that can answer all of your questions.

I want to get the word out about this because I don't want to see the clinic in jeopardy. If the clinic has enough patients we will never have to worry about having them here.

Although there are too many names to remember, I would especially like to thank the ones that I know: Suzanne, Joan, Sandra, Katrina, Audra, Dee, Laura and Martha. Thank you for the care and compassion that I have received from each of you.

Audra Summers
Pampa

Authorities now claim the former television repairman kept Virginia Ridley captive in their home for three decades until smothering her to death last year.

Neighbors said Ridley became a recluse after his TV repair shop closed 10 years ago. He would hide behind bushes and peek through windows but would let no one inside the home.

Ridley's case is scheduled to go before a grand jury in September. Authorities also are investigating the death of Ridley's mother, Minnie Sue Ridley, who lived with him until she died of heart failure after breaking a hip in 1995.

Networks finding memorial services are popular programming

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Funerals and memorial services are turning out to be popular for national cable news networks.

Services for public figures frequently boost the ratings for CNN, MSNBC and the Fox News Channel, which all carried live coverage of former Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater's funeral Wednesday.

Big audiences weren't a surprise for Princess Diana's funeral, a major news story. But deaths of a lesser magnitude are also big business: memorials for both Sonny Bono and Tammy Wynette each more than tripled CNN's typical audience, for example.

"It becomes a way of communal mourning," said Howard Polskin, CNN spokesman. "It's a way for people who can't be there to gather around the television set and pay their respects. It helps with national grieving."

Wynette's funeral had a 1.8 rating for CNN, compared to its typical daytime average of 0.5, the network said. MSNBC and Fox also said the country music star's funeral drew a bigger audience than their typical days.

Bono's funeral doubled MSNBC's average audience. The network also ran a special "Time & Again" feature on Bono's life the night after he was killed in a skiing accident and it more than doubled the network's average prime-time audience, a spokeswoman said.

"Extended coverage television works best when it's live and it is covering a highly emotional event," said television consultant Al Primo. "A funeral certainly qualifies in that regard. It's humanity staring you right in the face."

Big television audiences are partly drawn through the same phenomenon that leads people to attend funerals of people they never knew, said Robert Fulton, a retired professor who established the Center for Death Education and Research at the University of Minnesota.

It's a chance for people to express emotion or at least see others expressing it, he said. People afraid of death can also keep it at a distance.

"It's a way of keeping death under control," Fulton said. "It's packaged death. We can see the grief on the faces of family and friends, but we are spared that."

During Goldwater's funeral, the news networks were silent on the other big stories of the day: the train crash that killed scores of people in Germany and President Clinton's effort to normalize trade relations with China.

People who program the networks say they don't allow the ratings performance of funerals to distort news judgment.

In Goldwater's case, the former presidential candidate's standing as the father of modern conservatism merited full coverage of his funeral, said Bob Epstein, executive producer in charge of MSNBC's daytime programming.

"We know that these things attract viewers," said John Moody, Fox's vice president for news. "We know that when a well-known person is memorialized and the high points of his or her life are presented to an audience, you are going to draw people who loved them or hated them."

"Does that make it easier to make a decision to cover these? Sure," Moody said. "But it's not a reflex."

Not all funerals are an automatic draw. For example, the memorial service for children shot and killed last month in an Oregon school cafeteria did not affect MSNBC's ratings.

Rep. Barney Frank and partner Herb Moses split

BOSTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Barney Frank and Herb Moses have split up, ending a relationship that helped open the eyes of Congress and the public to the equal treatment of gays and lesbians.

Frank, 58, declined to say why the relationship was over. The split was amicable, though "recently things changed some," Frank said in today's Boston Globe.

Moses, 41, recently moved out of their home and left an executive position at the Federal National Mortgage Association to open a pottery studio. The Globe said he could not be reached for comment.

In 1987 — after allegations that he had had a relationship with Steven Gobie, a male prostitute — Frank acknowledged his homosexuality publicly. The Massachusetts Democrat and Moses appeared inseparable for over a decade, attending White House dinners and other state functions.

A staunch defender of gay rights, Frank used his position in the House of Representatives to improve the status of gay and lesbian couples. Moses was the first partner of an openly gay member of Congress to receive spousal access privileges through the Capitol.

"They provided the definition for how elected couples can serve public life with dignity and authenticity," said Kerry Lobel, executive director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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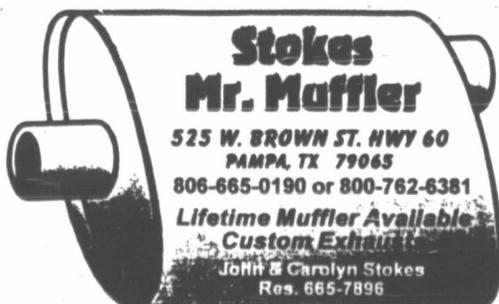
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Basketball

Entries are now being accepted for the 1998 Streetball Challenge. The region's largest 3-on-3 basketball event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, in the streets of downtown Amarillo. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Kids, Incorporated has brought the event to Amarillo. The 1997 event witnessed 322 teams competing in forty-two divisions. The event is open to individuals ages eight and older. Teams will be placed in divisions with players of similar age and ability.

The fee for entries received or postmarked by Friday, July 17, is \$80. A \$90 fee will be imposed on all entries received or postmarked after Friday, July 17. The deadline for all team entries is Tuesday, July 21. Entry forms are available at any Toot'n Totum location in Amarillo, Buck's Sporting Goods, the offices of Kids, Incorporated at 820 W. 8th, or via the internet at www.kidsinc.org.

Football

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico linebacker Ryan Taylor, who pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of assault and battery, was placed on one-year probation.

State District Judge W. John Brennan imposed probation during a hearing Thursday.

The charges against the junior who had 11 sacks last season stemmed from an April 5 incident in which Taylor was accused of hitting and choking his girlfriend.

The 24-year-old woman told police she and Taylor began arguing as they left a local dance club, and that he hit her with an open hand on the side of the head as she drove. Taylor initially didn't let her get out of the car when they reached his apartment, the report said.

When she walked off, he grabbed her, took her into the apartment and "choked her five different times" before she could leave, according to a criminal complaint filed in court.

Under the plea, he also has agreed to counseling for anger-management counseling and domestic violence, attend any counseling recommended by probation authorities and be screened for alcohol.

Taylor, who attended Cypress Creek High in Houston, has been on leave of absence from the New Mexico team. Lobos head coach Rocky Long said Thursday he will meet with Taylor, then determine what Taylor's status will be next season.

"He and I need to discuss some things; that'll probably happen next week," Long said.

Mariners avenge sweep; continue Rangers woes

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — In their last visit to Texas in May, the Seattle Mariners were victims of a three-game sweep by the Rangers.

The Mariners let the Rangers know they haven't forgotten with Friday night's 8-2 victory. "They got us the last time, but we can't let that happen again," said Seattle's Ken Griffey, who went 2-for-4 and drove in a run. Jeff Fassero pitched 7 1-3 shutout innings in 96-degree heat, and Edgar Martinez and Alex Rodriguez each drove in three runs as Seattle extended Texas' losing streak to a season-high six games.

The Mariners' bullpen gave up two runs in the ninth, but Seattle's offense had established a big enough cushion to compensate for an inconsistent relief

corps.

Fassero (7-5) allowed only six hits as the Mariners won their third straight. Bothered by leg cramps since the fifth, he was pulled with one out in the eighth and a runner on first when he told manager Lou Piniella he could no longer drive off his left leg.

"I lost a lot of fluids and four or five pounds out there," Fassero said. "Then my leg started to cramp up and I couldn't push off anymore. I didn't want to take any chances."

Fassero said he's done a better job of mixing his pitches in his last two starts, resulting in consecutive victories.

"I've been locating the fastball in and out and I'm not throwing any two off-speed pitches in a row the same," Fassero said.

"After I was able to establish my pitches, then I was able to get them to chase some pitches."

Despite a 1-3 start against the Rangers this season, the Mariners are 38-14 overall against the Rangers since the start of the 1994 season.

"It's a long season," Piniella said when someone reminded him of the Rangers' sweep in May.

Seattle is 3-0 in July following an 8-20 June.

"We had a rough June," Piniella said. "But in July our fortunes have turned around. If we can get a streak going, it'll really help us (going into the All-Star break)."

The Rangers didn't score until the ninth, when Fernando Tatis completed a 4-for-4 night with

an RBI single off Heathcliff Slocumb, and Mark McLemore drew a bases-loaded walk from Bobby Ayala.

Texas hadn't lost six in a row since June 18-23, 1997.

"The effort is there," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "In fact, maybe too much effort is there. These guys want to do so well, and it's just not happening for us right now. You can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, but you know it's there."

Seattle took a 2-0 lead in the first off John Burkett (4-9) on an RBI single by Martinez and David Segui's sacrifice fly.

The Mariners stretched their lead to 4-0 in the third when Griffey singled and Martinez hit his 14th homer.

The Mariners made three early errors, but the Rangers

couldn't capitalize, leaving two runners on third and two on second in the first four innings. Seattle third baseman Russ Davis made two straight errors and Fassero threw a wild pitch in the fourth.

Rodriguez's RBI double in the fifth and run-scoring single in the seventh padded Seattle's advantage to 6-0. Griffey made it 7-0 with an RBI groundout in the seventh, and Rodriguez added a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Burkett, who has only one win in his last nine starts, allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

"The first three innings, his pitches were up a little bit," Oates said. "Against a lineup like this, you don't get away with too many mistakes."

Griffey, Sosa, McGwire sure to make All Star game a blast

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

DENVER (AP) — The All-Star game has always been a blast.

Reggie Jackson's rocket off the light tower. Bo Jackson's bomb to dead center field. Ted Williams' moonshot on an eephus pitch.

From the first home run — Babe Ruth's drive in 1933 at Comiskey Park — up through the most recent one — Sandy Alomar's winning drive last season at Jacobs Field — home runs have always highlighted the summer exhibition.

And all of baseball is talking about only one topic as Tuesday night's game at Coors Field approaches.

How about it, Mark McGwire? Will this be the season you or Ken Griffey Jr. or Sammy Sosa rewrite Roger Maris' mark of 61 home runs?

"I've said it time and time again. Everybody has been pointing at me, but there's a handful of guys capable of breaking this record, not just me," McGwire said.

"Sosa, Griffey, (Andres) Galarraga, if he hadn't gotten hurt. It should be exciting, but believe me, there's no competition," he said.

There's no clear explanation, either, on why so many hitters are challenging the mark.

Expansion is an easy answer. It doesn't appear to be the right one, however, for explaining why McGwire had 37 homers, Griffey 35 and Sosa 33 going into the weekend.

Last year, there were an average of 1.99 home runs per major league game. This year, with the addition of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks, the rate is only 2.04. Not exactly a whopping increase, not like the nearly 25 percent surge that occurred in 1993 when Colorado and Florida joined.

Smaller strike zones and stronger players are more likely reasons. Either way, it's looking more and more like the record Maris has held for 31 years might finally fall.

"I would love to see it happen," AL manager Mike Hargrove of Cleveland said. "I think if they stay healthy there is a very, very good chance it will happen."

Whether Juan Gonzalez, Larry Walker, Greg Vaughn or anyone else will be able to take advantage of Denver's mile-high air,

where balls tend to travel about 10 percent farther, on Tuesday night remains to be seen.

As it is, the longest drive hit in a regular-season game at Coors belongs to Mike Piazza at 496 feet.

"I've been shocked out there before," NL manager Jim Leyland of Florida said.

This game could turn out like the 1971 showcase, an electric night at Tiger Stadium in which six future Hall of Famers hit home runs. Reggie launched the longest ball, with Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Frank Robinson, Harmon Killebrew and Roberto Clemente also connecting.

It could match the glamour of the 1956 classic at Griffith Stadium in Washington when all-time greats Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Willie Mays and Stan Musial each homered.

Then again, it could be a repeat of the 1987 affair in Oakland. With baseball buzzing about lively balls, sluggers such as Mike Schmidt, Andre Dawson and Dave Winfield — plus a rookie named McGwire — did not hit a single home run in a game that was scoreless until the 13th inning.

There have been at least two home runs in each of the last seven All-Star games. The deepest drives, though, usually come a day earlier in the home run derby.

Fans tuning in to watch the power show Monday — it will be televised live from 8-10 p.m. EDT — may be disappointed.

McGwire and Sosa will compete, but Griffey is adamant that he will not take part, and others might follow Junior's lead. Not quite like Michael Jordan missing the slam-dunk contest, but close.

"It's fun. I don't understand why they wouldn't want to," McGwire said. "It's the best part of the All-Star game."

Because with the likes of Greg Maddux, Roger Clemens and Curt Schilling on the mound, there's no guarantee that anyone will connect the next day. At least the hitters won't have to face

Cubs rookie Kerry Wood, the strikeout phenom left off the NL team by Leyland.

McGwire has managed only four singles in 16 career at-bats in All-Star play. Joe DiMaggio (.225), Aaron (.194) and Pete Rose (.212) all had trouble getting hits, while Maris (two singles in 19 at-bats) never homered. Musial holds the All-Star record with six home runs.

The NL leads the series 40-27-1. Its three-game winning streak was stopped last year at Cleveland when home runs by Alomar and Edgar Martinez overcame a homer by Javy Lopez and gave the AL a 3-1 victory.

No telling what will happen this time when the All-Stars visit Coors, the park where the most home runs in the majors were hit in both 1996 and 1997.

"I've seen some high-scoring games," Leyland said. "I don't really know what to expect."

Rosters for the 1998 All-Star game at Coors Field in Colorado on July 7:

AMERICAN LEAGUE STARTERS

Catcher—Ivan Rodriguez, Texas.

First Base—Jim Thome, Cleveland.

Second Base—Roberto Alomar, Baltimore.

Third Base—Cal Ripken, Baltimore.

Shortstop—Alex Rodriguez, Seattle.

Outfield—Ken Griffey, Jr., Seattle; Juan Gonzalez, Texas; Kenny Lofton, Cleveland.

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Catcher—Mike Piazza, New York.

First Base—Mark McGwire, St. Louis.

Second Base—Craig Biggio, Houston.

Third Base—Chipper Jones, Atlanta.

Shortstop—Walt Weiss, Atlanta.

Outfield—Tony Gwynn, San Diego; Barry Bonds, San Francisco; Larry Walker, Colorado.

Gump ties Hartford course record

By DONNA TOMMELLE
Associated Press Writer

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Scott Gump, a non-winner in 10 years on the PGA Tour, shot one of the best rounds of the year. Casey Martin, trying to find his way in his first year as a professional, knocked himself out of his first PGA Tour event.

Gump took advantage of the firm fairways and soft greens at the Canon Greater Hartford Open and shot a course record 8-under-par 62 Friday to take the second-round lead.

Martin, meanwhile, missed the cut as he struggled at the TPC at River Highlands and finished with a 73.

Gump's round put him at 10-under-par 130 for the tournament, one stroke better than Larry Mize and Omar Uresti. It also matched a season low on the PGA Tour this year.

He started his round on the back nine and had nine birdies, including four straight midway through the round.

"I got in a good rhythm," he said. "I just got on a roll, and before you know it I was 8-under."

Martin, who sued for the right to use a motorized cart in tour events because of a disability in his right leg, was 4-over for two rounds. The Nike Tour player was using a sponsor exemption to compete in his first PGA event, but missed the cut by five strokes.

His round included a triple-bogey 8 on the 523-yard 13th. "It's disappointing. I played poorly," he said, describing No. 13 as "a meltdown."

The rolls definitely went Gump's way. He had birdie putts of 20 and 30 feet and said his birdie on the 444-yard, par-4 18th was "a bonus."

Gump hit a poor drive into the right fairway bunker about 210 yards from the pin. He used a 4-wood for his second shot, and it landed about 4 feet from the hole. He attributed the birdie to a

Stats

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars' season-opening game against the New York Rangers was a close one, but the Stars won the derby for the most...

General manager Bob Gump was a valuable asset. A knee injury to the first game of the playoffs severely...

"We think he'll trend and mesh with Gump's style. As an athlete, he's capable of different ways with our team."

There was no word yet on whether Hull would be back for much of last season, but at right wing.

Hull acknowledged the importance of the team, but had no illusions about why he would be back.

Whatever reason it is, Hull spent a lot of years in his league scoring that's my job," Hull said.

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock was on hand. But don't expect Hull to make the team, who has shaken his reputation as an over-the-hill player.

When asked if he would step up his Dallas system, Hull answered, "I play within a team system with my own style. I'm a guy who uses a lot of brainpower rather than body checks."

Hull had 52 goals and 100 assists in 1,000 games, more than he has against any other team.

"I would never do that again," Gump said, adding that 21 is his new number.

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Austin swimmer prepares to cross Atlantic Ocean to honor father

Brazilians survive Denmark's attack

AUSTIN — In Benoit Marie Jean-Paul Lecomte's mind, which promises to be a very fascinating place for the next few months, he is a man without a country. It is not France, where he was born, raised and Sorbonne-educated, nor the United States, to which he migrated seven years ago. Not ready to give up his Gallic citizenship, not ready to leave his home in Austin, "I'm somewhere in between," he explains.

For 80 days beginning in mid-July, the 31-year-old adventurer will put his body where his mind is, trekking the 3,395 miles from Cape Cod, Mass., to Brest, France, powered in near-equal parts by his freestyle stroke and the fortuitous current of the Gulf Stream. This is like swimming the distance from Austin to Houston and back — 10 times — and is precisely why his mind holds such intrigue. Swim what? For what?

"People get interested," says the 5-foot-9-inch, 151-pound Lecomte, who avoids quizzical looks by going by Ben in lieu of his full name. "They think, 'The guy's crazy,' but I'm doing it for a good cause."

One would assume that anyone who would wade into the 55-degree water off Hyannis Port, Mass., on or about Bastille Day — and swim at least 20 miles a day with only the aid of a wet suit, fins, snorkel and support boat for nearly three months — must have something substantive torturing him.

Lecomte, whose ancestors long ago mandated that all in the family lineage would take Marie as a middle name to persuade the Virgin Mary to watch over them, does not carry family photos in his wallet. "A picture is very static," he says. "I like images in my mind. They're much more alive."

This is how he makes his father, Pierre, live again, seven years after the cancer Pierre appeared to have beaten took his life at age 49. When the boredom of staring into the ocean starts creeping in along with the lactic acid, Lecomte plans to do what all super-endurance athletes do: disassociate. It's what he does when he experiences sharp pain on dry land, when he thinks of swimming and its comforting, soundless and visionless numbness.

What then, when you have more soundless and visionless numbness than you know what to do with and the same stimulatory deprivation that saves the pain creates it? As those moments turn to hours, days, weeks and even months, he'll think of his family: his mother Liliane back home in the Paris suburb of St. Ouen L'Aumone and his brothers Christophe, a 2-hour, 30-minute marathon runner; and Fabien, a competitive skier. But mostly he'll think of his father.

He'll think of how, even months before colon cancer was first diagnosed, Pierre intuitively sold his lucrative recreation business and vowed to slow his pace. He'll recall how, when they found the cancer, Pierre bravely fought it, and how when it came back six months later, he spent his time hunched over his accounting books, verifying the only thing he would have left to give after he was gone, his fortune.

Ben will recall how his family, wanting to answer his father's every need, put a bell by his bed and gave him instructions that no request was too trivial; how Pierre would fight to stand and slowly shuffle wherever he needed to go, IV stand in tow, and how the bell never rang.

Those memories would drive him, but he also remembered reading in L'Equipe, the French sports daily, about the exploits of men who rowed and wind-surfed across the Atlantic, and how he had wished they'd worked a little altruism into their motivation. And the ideas he had long held were nurtured: to come to the United States, to leave behind a still-grieving mother who had bravely gone

back to school to become a teacher, to learn the English language and fulfill a lifelong goal, and most of all, to do something to honor his father and help others.

It would be built around swimming, the sport he embraced when running wore out his knees. It would involve endurance, and it would involve the Atlantic Ocean, ridiculously challenging yet — in his mind — also perversely doable.

"I wanted something to come from me, not dictated by someone else," he says.

Still, there are edges to be had, and Lecomte has spent the better part of the last seven years finding them. He contacted Eddie Coyle, a kinesiology professor and director of the Human Performance Lab at the University of Texas, for dietary advice. Coyle, who had worked with athletes competing in ultra-endurance events as long as 24-hour runs, was initially cautious.

"In any major feat, when you look at it in its entirety, it looks impossible," Coyle said, "but when you break it down into small steps, it becomes possible. What he's attempting is physiologically possible. Now it's a matter of not becoming sick, maintaining nutrition and avoiding accidents."

Working with Coyle and Jennifer Macaulay, a graduate student in sports science and nutrition, Lecomte formulated a diet heavy on carbohydrates for energy, but with significant amounts of fat and protein for the long haul, to replace the estimated 7,000 to 8,000 calories he'll burn per day.

Though it's difficult to simulate in practice the rigors he'll face on the

open ocean, Lecomte has invested four to six hours per day in training and has completed two 24-hour swims, taking a minute or so every 20 minutes to rest and gulp down some fluids and food. Lecomte plans to swim six to eight hours per day in two-hour blocks, stopping to eat.

"We have a general idea of what his needs are, but since what he's doing is so different, we'll have to let him figure out what works for him," Coyle says. "It's like an experiment in progress."

Physically, Coyle expects Lecomte to swim his way into better shape during the first few weeks of the journey as his body adapts and he finds the optimal nutrition and rest cycles. Finding the right equipment also requires trial and error, but that must be done before he starts.

Especially when it comes to sharks, who aren't big on giving second chances. Rather than swim in a bulky cage, Lecomte will entrust his safety to a Shark Protective Ocean Device, a relatively new system that employs a mild electrical field to dissuade nearby predators from any uninvited interruptions. It does not deter jellyfish. Lecomte made a note of that, calling a trans-Caribbean swimmer who used the system for tips on the best medication for the anticipated stings.

As for wardrobe, he'll bring a variety of wet suits, with and without sleeves and of differing thicknesses, to wear when the water is a chilling 55 degrees near the coasts and when it reaches the low 70s in the Gulf Stream. He will use a specially made snorkel, which goes in front of his face so as to not impede his stroke, and fins. Sometimes he'll swim a scissor kick with two fins; sometimes he'll make like Flipper with a heart-shaped Fiberglas monofin to better vary the load and avoid injury. (Appropriately, the monofin is made by a company named FINIS, a word that, in French, is the first-person imperative of the verb "to finish," an omen if ever there was one.)

All decked out, looking like "The Little Mermaid" meets "The X-Files," Lecomte elicits stares. Even at laid-back Barton Springs, where he frequently trains, dodging middle-aged slackers on their blowup alligator floats.

"Wow, I bet you can go really fast with that," marvels one bystander overcome by FINIS envy. Another adolescent, with a dangerous combination of curiosity and knowledge of current events, asks warily, "Are y'all checking on the salamanders?"

"Been swimming here for years and I've never seen one," says Lecomte, who in full regalia must strike more fear in the amphibian than any bulldozer-happy developer.)

Training has actually been the easy part, at least compared to finding sponsors. Lecomte was ultimately put in touch with the Association for International Cancer Research in Fife, Scotland, which offered to accept any resultant donations, but not help him financially. Left to his own resources, Lecomte has worked inordinately long hours to finance the trip (he's got about \$100,000 of the \$140,000 estimated cost covered) and provide something to donate to the International Cancer Research, though he expects interest to shoot up when he dives in.

Lecomte, on leave of absence from his marketing job at TeleService Resources, a subsidiary of American Airlines, has managed to line up his equipment, most of it donated and thoroughly tested; provide physical performance and diet analysis; arrange publicity, a web page and cell phone; and secure the use of a 39 1/2-foot boat named Falbala and her crew of two. He'll bring what he calls his memory box, filled with an assortment of carefully chosen photos, letters, audio tapes and any mementos he might deem motivational. Sometime before he departs, he'll also visit the nearest bookstore, head to the biography aisle and pluck off the shelf a tome about a kindred soul by the name of Lindbergh.

He seeks no records, follows no rules. He knows the cross-Channel crowd will sniff at his swim, quickly noting that it came with three things not allowed in treks from Calais to Dover — wet suit, snorkel and fins — but their approval is of no value to Lecomte.

"I'm not trying to gauge myself with them," says Lecomte, who says his feat is akin to walking a long distance, not running it. "I am not the best swimmer, either. This is not so much the physical aptitude after a while. It will be like being in jail, having to stare at a blank wall for six to eight hours. But it's something I have to do."

If and when he splashes ashore in October somewhere near Brest — understandably, he's not very particular as to exactly where — he'll do so to no grand celebration, just a reunion with his mother and brothers. "Right now I'm not even thinking about finishing," Lecomte says.

He'll hate to swim and run, but any celebration on his native soil will be brief. He needs to be back at the UT Performance Lab within a week so he can be tested on the physical effects of his swim on his lung capacity and body composition. After 80 days in the choppy Atlantic, drained mentally and physically and in ways he can only imagine, the only way back is to go first-class. Surely, then, he'll head to Paris' Orly Airport — which long ago superseded LeBourget, the grass field where Lindbergh touched down that night 71 years ago last month — and board the Concorde for the sub-four-hour hop back to the States.

By BRIAN TRUSDELL
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — When the World Cup threatens to get boring, you can always turn to Brazil.

For the second straight game, wunderkind Ronaldo jolted the World Cup — and this time it needed it.

After a lifeless 0-0 draw Friday, France finally prevailed over Italy, 4-3 on penalties. Then Ronaldo set up two first-half goals and lit up the night, sending Brazil into the semifinals with a 3-2 victory over Denmark.

"Ronaldo showed that he is not only goals," Brazilian coach Mario Zagallo said. "His two plays were spectacular."

Against Chile in the second round, Ronaldo score twice, but Zagallo said his performance was average.

Friday night, after Denmark's Martin Jorgensen shook Brazil with a goal in the second minute, Ronaldo set up Bebeto and Rivaldo to put the defending champions back on track.

"This was the victory of courage," Zagallo said. "This was a true World Cup game, beautiful, frank and open. All games should be like this."

What the Brazil-Denmark game was, France-Italy was not.

After an initial period of repeated chances by the French, the match degenerated into a series of midfield passes and wasted chances.

And it sent the Italians back home from a World Cup for the third time from a penalty shootout.

Having been eliminated by Argentina in the semifinals in 1990 and beaten by Brazil in the 1994 championship match, Italy is beginning to believe that it lives under a cloud.

"It's a sort of a curse," Italian coach Cesare Maldini said. "We're walking out of this stadium with our heads up. It's a pity because it really is a lottery when you go to a shootout. I have no regrets."

Luigi Di Biagio does, however.

After Laurent Blanc took France's last penalty and put Les Bleus ahead, it was Di Biagio's turn, and he needed to convert to send it to extra kicks.

But he crashed his chance off the middle of the crossbar, sending the French team streaming onto the field.

"I'm really sorry, so sorry," Di Biagio said.

"It's hard to go out of the World Cup this way," said Demetrio Albertini, who had his shootout attempt blocked by goalkeeper Fabien Barthez.

The French and their fans who filled the 80,000-seat

Stade de France in Saint-Denis didn't care how they advanced.

"We just wanted this victory more than the Italians did," French captain Didier Deschamps said.

The victories leave the French with a Wednesday date in Saint-Denis against the winner of today's Germany-Croatia match. On Tuesday in Marseille, Brazil will take on either the Netherlands or South American rival Argentina, who also played today.

The Brazilian fans and media no doubt will go through its usual microscopic dissection of the match with Denmark, a team it was expected to beat easily, yet struggled due to sloppy defense.

"It was the spirit of our game which saw us through," Cafu said. "We are always running for the ball."

"I think we really deserved it. We managed to master the game completely in the end, so I think it would have been unfair for us not to qualify."

After falling behind early, Brazil responded through Ronaldo.

He found Bebeto sprinting through the middle, and with a laser-like pass, fed the 1994 World Cup hero to make it 1-1 in the 11th minute.

Fifteen minutes later, Rivaldo took a high pass from Ronaldo and delicately chipped the ball over Danish keeper Peter Schmeichel for a 2-1 lead.

The Danes didn't fold and, with the Brazilians looking disheveled in the back in contrast to their precision in the front, tied it six minutes into the second half. Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos missed an attempted scissors-kick clearance, leaving the ball to drop at Brian Laudrup's feet.

Laudrup didn't miss from about eight yards, burying the chance and giving the Danes life.

But Rivaldo ended the Brazilian anguish 10 minutes later. Taking the ball from midfield, he raced along the left and ripped a ground-hugging 25-yard shot that just eluded the fingertips of Danish keeper Peter Schmeichel.

"I am very proud of my players' performance," Denmark's Swedish coach, Bo Johansson, said. "It was almost as good as the best team in the world. All credit to them. I didn't realize they were quite that good."

"I really think we played a world class game. But we could not ensure we did not lose, and that's the way it goes."

Jenkins shoots 67 for first round lead

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — At long last, Tom Jenkins has that winning feeling again.

Jenkins shot a 7-under par 65 Friday for a one-stroke lead over Graham Marsh after the opening round of the State Farm Senior Classic. Jenkins, a Senior Tour rookie, last collected a first-place check in 1975 as a member of the PGA Tour.

"It's all about expectations, and I'm expecting to win," Jenkins said. "It's nice to feel the adrenaline again and to be able to do what I want out there."

Dave Stockton, Tom Shaw and Terry Dill, who capped his day with an eagle, were two shots back. Lee Trevino was in a group of four players at 68.

Other contenders included Hale Irwin, who shot a 69, and Arnold Palmer, birdied the last three holes for a 71 — only his third sub-par round of the year.

Forty-one of 78 golfers broke par under sunny skies and before a crowd estimated at 22,000.

Jenkins was 3-under before stringing together four straight birdies on Nos. 13-16. On three of those holes, he left his approach just one foot from the cup.

"He had a fabulous day," said Dill, Jenkins' playing partner. "That was as good as I've ever seen anyone hit midirons since I've been on the Senior Tour. It was a pleasure to play with him."

Jenkins, 50, quit the PGA Tour in 1985 and became a club

pro for two years before teaching at golf schools. Responding to a request from a friend, he played in last year's Senior national qualifying tournament and gained conditionally exempt status.

Jenkins has finished in the top-10 in each of his last three tournaments, including a second-place showing at the AT&T Canada Senior Open two weeks ago. His 65 Friday was his 10th sub-par round in his last 11.

"I could have won the last two events pretty easily if things went right," he said. "It would be wonderful to win here. It's nice to get back in the hunt, to get the feeling back."

Jenkins' only win was in the 1975 IVB-Philadelphia Classic. He can take home a career-best \$187,000 with a victory this weekend.

Marsh began his day on the 6,983-yard Hobbit's Glen Golf Course with a bogey that, for-

tunately, wasn't a sign of things to come.

"At that point I thought, 'Well, this isn't going to be much fun,'" he said.

Marsh had 10 pars and seven birdies the rest of the way, sinking a pair of 35-foot putts and a 15-footer while going 4-under on the back nine.

"The putter was quite hot there for a while," he said. "All of a sudden, an average round turned quite nice. I was very pleased because I haven't been starting well."

It was his best first-round score since last July.

Dill started with a birdie, finished with an eagle and had four birdies and two bogeys in between. His eagle on the par-5, 541-yard 18th hole started with a drive that went 295 yards. He then hit a 3-wood within three feet of the hole.

Stockton, who had six birdies and one bogey, seemed just as pleased with the huge

crowd as his position near the top of the leaderboard. He was clearly delighted to be a part of the first men's professional event in the Baltimore area in 36 years.

"I don't know why we waited so long to come here," Stockton said. "Everybody's having a great time — us and the spectators. I think this event will be one of our big success stories in 1998."

Wayne Mulanax and family wish to thank our neighbors, friends and anyone who in anyway acted in love and sympathy during the recent loss of our beloved loved one.

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Masonic Lodge



(Special photo)
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 of Pampa recently installed the following officers: Back row, top, (left), Bill Heuston, Glen Preas, Gordon Fore, Paul Appleton, Red Horton and Craig Harkcom; front row (left), Tom Hyer (committee on work), Bill Bennett, Jim Downey, Bill Stephens, J.B. Fife, Robert Craig and J.B. Nolan. Shamrock Masonic Lodge #929 recently installed the following officers: (bottom) Harold Morgan, Jerry Bailey, Sterling Sloss, Fred Hoffman and Robby Reeder.

Fetal surgery making strides

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Little Noah, smaller than the palm of his doctor's hand, was headed for a life in which he could never walk or control his urine and bowel movements.

After only 20 weeks in his mother's womb, doctors could see that Noah Kipfmüller's backbone had never closed. His spinal cord was partially deformed and nerve bundles were protruding from his back.

The only hope was to let doctors operate on the fetus while it remained in the womb.

That was nearly four months ago. Now, 2-month-old Noah's little legs are kicking in the air and his parents took him home today to Bay City, Mich.

The surgery, doctors say, could be a major step for the estimated 1,500 babies born in this country each year with spina bifida.

While seven other babies in the United States with spina bifida have undergone the open-womb operation, Noah's surgery was done at 23 weeks — more than a month earlier in the pregnancy, meaning a lesser chance of spinal damage. Two of the seven other babies have died.

Also, doctors said, women who find out their fetus has spina bifida and want an abortion typically must decide by 24 weeks, the end of the second trimester. This gives parents a chance to see if the surgery can work.

"This has not been scientifically proven to be beneficial, but I've seen things come and go, and heard a lot of promises, and it's obvious to me this is the real thing," said Dr. Joseph Bruner, director of fetal diagnosis and therapy at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. Bruner conducted most of the seven previous surgeries.

"Patients may now have the opportunity of having this surgery done earlier in hope of a better outcome and more options," he said.

Noah's legs work well and doctors say his only obvious problem is below the knee on his right leg. He may walk with a limp or need a brace, said his father, Kevin. Until he is potty-trained, doctors won't know how well his bladder or bowel control works.

Melissa Kipfmüller is watching her son wiggle his toes right along with the rest of the babies in the hospital nursery.

"It feels good to know my baby can help others," she said. "I couldn't help but compare him to the other babies. And he didn't seem to be moving any slower than the other ones. ... For some reason, I knew all along this was going to work out."

One risk that comes with the surgery is premature birth. Noah was born two months premature, weighing 2 pounds, 7 ounces. But he developed well, and now weighs 4 pounds and appears healthy, said Dr. N. Scott Adzick, who conducted Noah's surgery at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



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Engine fix set for new 737s

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newest versions of the Boeing 737 are being grounded until their engines can be inspected for signs that a weak part has failed.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the action Thursday after learning that broken engine parts prompted two in-flight engine shut-downs last week.

A "telegraphic airworthiness directive" from the agency, second only in urgency to an emergency directive, ordered immediate inspections on 46 engines installed on 23 U.S. airliners, 13 of which are owned by Southwest Airlines. Nine others are owned by Continental Airlines; one is owned by Eastwind Airlines.

Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Ginger Hardage said the airline began inspecting its 737 engines last week.

"It will have no impact on the flight schedule," Ms. Hardage said. "They are back in the air. The aircraft are flying because there's no reason for them not to be in service now."

Continental Airlines already has completed inspections of its 737 engines, so there will be no impact on flights, spokeswoman Karla Villalon said.

"We learned of the possible directive (Wednesday) and immediately initiated inspections," Ms. Villalon said. "I don't believe we reported any problems."

The directive also stated that the engine part in question, the accessory gearbox starter gearshaft, had to be replaced on all of the aircraft by Sept. 1 or within the next 750 flight hours, whichever comes first.

The action followed two incidents on June 26 involving the latest versions of the world's most common airliner, the Boeing 737-700 and -800 aircraft. They are equipped with CFM International CFM56-7B turbofan engines, made by a joint venture of General Electric and the French company Snecma.

The pilots for two jets flown by Russia's Transaero Airlines and Norway's Braathens Airlines had

to shut off one of their aircraft's two engines after a gearshaft broke. No one was hurt in either incident.

Subsequent investigation determined that the shafts cracked because of high stresses during manufacturing. The process since has been changed.

Boeing spokesman Russ Young said his company, which does not manufacture the engines, had no comment on the order.

The directive orders the immediate inspection of the magnetic chip detector aboard the right-hand engines on all 737-700 and -800 aircraft. The detector senses metal chips from engine components, a warning sign of engine failure. If the detector contains abnormal magnetic particles, the starter gearshaft must be

replaced immediately.

The same routine must occur the following day with the left-hand engine. The gearshaft is located on the left side of the engines, meaning that the one on the plane's right side is closer to the passenger compartment. Officials are concerned about spraying engine parts entering the cabin and hurting passengers.

Regardless of the results of the inspection, all of the gearshafts must be replaced by the end of the summer.

Worldwide, there are 94 such engines installed on 47 airplanes. FAA orders apply only to U.S.-registered airliners, but foreign carriers typically follow the agency's lead on safety matters. The estimated cost of repairs to the U.S. fleet is \$536,000.

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LIFESTYLE

Miss Rodeo Texas!!!

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

She's had her sights set on the Miss Texas Rodeo title for the past three years. Diligence, perseverance, sincerity and a love of God and family led Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Danyelle Rideout into the winning circle in San Antonio last month.

"I'd always been involved with horses," she said. But it was her childhood friend, former Miss Texas Rodeo Tonya Johnson, who told Danyelle she should get involved in the rodeo pageants. Upon her friend's advice, she entered in an Abilene competition and won.

"I didn't know enough to win, but since that time and her encouragement, I have wanted to compete. I've been working at it six years."

Rideout, of Merkel, Texas and Miss Top O' Texas Teen Kaely Blay of Buffalo Gap, represented Pampa at the state-level competition this year after Sonja Daniel and Jamie Greene revived the pageant last summer.

"My reward is to see these girls improve themselves," said Daniel.

Daniel and Greene researched other state rodeo pageants to find out the details on rodeo pageantry and found in their study that the more successful pageants occurred when the pageant was opened to contestants statewide. Limiting contestants to the area of the rodeo led to the cancellation of rodeo pageants or very poor participation in general, according to Greene.

"It would be great if we could keep it limited to Pampa and get all our entries from here," said Daniel.

"I understand it would be wonderful if the winners could be local girls. But look at the Miss Rodeo Texas pageant — there were only six teen contestants in the state competition, and that's a competition you would think would have lots of entries."

Rideout, who heard about Pampa's revived pageant while living in Canyon and attending West Texas A & M, called Daniel and Greene last year with her goal to become Miss Texas Rodeo already in place, Greene recalled.

The revival of Pampa's pageant makes it, "very special to bring this title back to Pampa," said Danyelle.

Kaely and Danyelle have done an excellent job of representing Pampa this year, said Daniel. She continued to emphasize Kaely's role as teen queen this year and praised her work as the teen representative for the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

"And there's no doubt in my mind Danyelle will be the next Miss America Rodeo — she has the determination," said Daniel.

The new Miss Texas Rodeo will now be taking a year off from her pre-veterinary studies this year to represent the state. She successfully found a sponsor to get a car for her travels this year. But Danyelle now faces the daunting task of finding more sponsors to assist her with the needed money for a new Las Vegas Miss Rodeo America contest wardrobe.

"So dad, how much are you willing to spend for Vegas?" Danyelle's state pageant director asked Danyelle's dad, Teryl Rideout, following the state pageant.

"My dad about tossed his cookies," said Danyelle.

"That's the hard part about this," she said of the fund-raising.

"Well, you should be ready to become a politician after all this," she said her dad told her, "because you'll know how to ask for money."

Her family and their relationship made this dream possible, according to Danyelle.

In addition to her 13-year-old brother Colby volunteering his time to be his big sister's bodyguard, Danyelle's parents, Dana and Teryl Rideout, have been a great source of encouragement.

"My parents have helped me stay focused on my dreams," she said.

Danyelle will be participating in the Top O' Texas Rodeo this week, she said.

"I told Marjorie (the state pageant director who makes her schedule) it was very important for me to bring this title back to Pampa."

But just because she won't be Miss Top O' Texas very much longer, doesn't mean Danyelle won't keep a piece of Pampa. Everytime she's announced as Miss Rodeo Texas this year, she will also be announced as the former Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo.

In between traveling to state rodeos, riding in parades, and making special appearances, Danyelle



will continue to prepare for December's Miss Rodeo America contest.

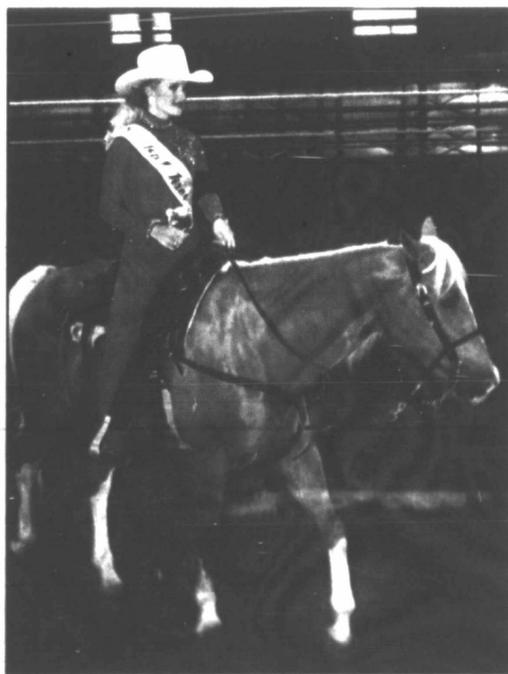
"I can't believe I am fixing to put all this work into action," she said. "It's taking me a while to come down out of the clouds. It didn't sink in until they called my name, 'Miss Rodeo Texas' (at a recent Big Springs rodeo event) and all the little kids high-fived me as I rode out into the arena."



Above, Danyelle poses with Kaely Blay, Miss Top O' Texas Teen and right, with Jamie Greene, one of the Top O' Texas Rodeo pageant coordinators.



As part of the competition, Danyelle also had to give a speech, left, and prove her horsemanship, below.





Mr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Stribling

Stribling anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Stribling will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2:30-4:30 p.m. July 12, 1998, at City Hall in Mobeetie. Children of the couple will host the reception. Clinton W. Stribling and Maurita Laman were married July 18, 1948, at First Methodist Church in Mobeetie with the Rev. Vernon E. Willard, pastor of the church, officiating. The couple have been lifelong Mobeetie residents.

Mr. Stribling is retired from the farm and ranch industry in the Mobeetie area.

Mrs. Stribling is retired from an insurance agency in Wheeler.

Children of the couple are Wayne and Carol Stribling of Pampa, Tom and Debbie Stribling of Miami and Roy and Pam Stribling of Wheeler. They have six grandchildren and three foster grandchildren.



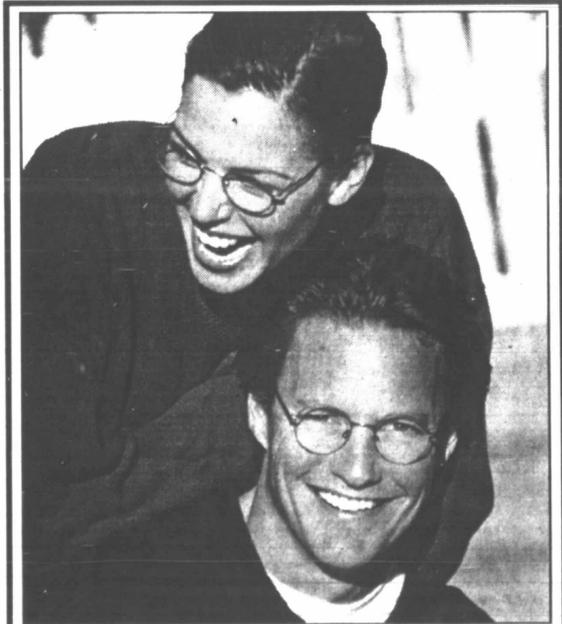
Sarah Ann Castillo and Phillip Shane Blythe

Castillo-Blythe

Sarah Ann Castillo and Phillip Shane Blythe, both of Pampa, plan to wed July 11 in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Aurora Santana. She is a 1998 Pampa High School graduate.

The prospective groom is the son of Gordon and Kim Blythe of Pampa. He is a 1998 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed by his father.



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Phillips-Keeler

Stephanie Phillips and Lent Keeler, both of Lubbock, were wed June 27 in First Christian Church of Lubbock with Dr. Michael Passmore of Lubbock officiating.

The maids of honor were Serena Harkins of Arlington and Nancy Southerland of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were Christy Edens of Tyler and Lindy Fruge of Lubbock. The flower girl was Cally Cigich of Kimberling City, Mo.

The best man was Bo Keeler of Clarksdale, Miss. The groomsmen were Brad Keeler of Madison, Miss., Harper Keeler of Jackson, Miss., and Kerry Phillips, of Denver, Colo. The ring bearer was Garrett Harkins of Idalou.

The ushers were Alan Millis of Houston and Rodney Carroll of Bedford.

Registering guests was Nancy Coffey of Lubbock. Music was provided by Angie Alspaugh of Lubbock.

A reception was held following the service at the Watson Building with Jill Birdsell of Pampa, Gayle Lindsay of Burleson, Kambra Bolch of Williamsburg, Va., and Gina Salinas of Abernathy serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Carol Phillips of Pampa. She received a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree from the University of Texas. She is currently program director at Canyon Lakes Residential Treatment Center.

The groom is the son of Bo and Margaret Keeler of Clarksdale. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and is currently agency field specialist for State Farm Insurance.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

'Marriage Can Be Fun' author offers five helpful hints for newlyweds

PINE KINGMAN, Kan. — This summer, tens of thousands of couples will make a 'til death do us part commitment to each other; however, more than half of these marriages will most likely end in divorce within the next ten years. Jon Kardatzke, author of "Marriage Can Be Fun," offers these simple suggestions for brides and grooms:

- Keep your expectations realistic. Even if you have married your "soulmate," he or she won't always be understanding and supportive. Miscommunication and disappointment will happen. So, keep a good sense of humor and lighten up when things aren't blissful!
- Stay committed to the relationship. We've all heard that "the grass is always greener." The reality is the "grass" is just different. Make a list of your spouse's traits to review whenever your marriage "lawn" is full of "weeds."
- Go to "marriage school." Fewer than 10 percent of married couples will ever read a book about marriage or attend a marriage seminar. The success rate for couples that strive to learn how to have healthy relationships is dramatically higher than those who don't make this effort.
- Create traditions together. These can be as simple as a special meal on a favorite holiday or as complex as an annual party that you host for friends and family — as long as they are yours together.
- Never forget to play together. Life is intense and serious enough. Be willing to just be silly with your mate. Think of five things you want to do together and then start doing them!

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Ellen Breaux and Steve Kotara

Breaux-Kotara

Ellen Breaux of Fort Worth and Steve Kotara of Dallas were wed June 13 in the Chapel of the Incarnation at the University of Dallas in Irving with the Rev. Mark Ford of Page, Ariz., formerly of Pampa, officiating.

The matrons of honor were Carol Wieggers and Mary Forbes, both sisters of the bride of McKinney. The bridesmaids were Angela Breaux of Austin, Ella Lynne Ross of Dallas, Mari Gonzales of Lewisville, Amy Turlington and Paige Halbert, both of Fort Worth, and Leslee Brandt of Aspen, Colo. The flower girls were Sarah Breaux of Austin and Leslie Forbes of McKinney, both nieces of the bride.

The best man was Steve Rasch of Dallas. The groomsmen were Brian G. Kotara of Hailey, Idaho, Brian S. Kotara of Logan, N.M., Wes Schaffer of Tulsa, Okla., Rob Beckham of Lubbock, Gustavo Daniell of Trujillo, Peru, Greg Willson of Dallas and Paul Breaux of Cedar Creek. The ring bearer was Gregory Breaux, nephew of the bride of Austin.

The ushers were Mark Sommer of Carrollton and Rusty McCabe of Arlington.

Registering guests was Kassie Kotara, niece of the groom of Logan. Music was provided by cantor Martin Guerra, pianist Bob Hurley, and instrumentalist Mike Itashiki, all of Dallas.

A reception was held following the service at The Stadium Club at Texas Stadium in Irving.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Gerald P. Breaux of Fort Worth. She is a 1985 graduate of Fort Worth R.L. Paschal High School and of Southwestern University in 1989. She received a master's of art degree in 1991 from Southern Methodist University and a jurisprudence degree in 1996 from SMU.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Nancy Paronto of Pampa. He is a 1980 Pampa High School graduate and received a bachelor's of art degree in 1984 from the University of Dallas and a jurisprudence degree in 1987 from Texas Tech School of Law. He is currently employed as a lawyer and legal editor at LawProse, Inc., of Dallas.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to the Island of Nevis in the Caribbean, West Indies, and intend to make their home in Dallas.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

- 6 - 4-H Horse Project meeting, Rodeo Arena, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 - Sign-up deadline for Bake Show Workshop on July 9, 12 noon
- 8-9 - Randall County Recordbook Judging, Annex, 6 p.m.
- 9 - Bake Show Workshop, Annex, 1:30 p.m.
- 10 - Sign-up deadline for Bake Show Workshop on July 13, 12 noon
- 12 - 4-H Council meeting, Annex, 2 p.m.

Recordbook Judging

We will judge Randall County Recordbooks beginning at 6 p.m. July 8-9 at the Annex. We will not judge on July 7 as originally planned. If you can help judge on either night, give me, Danny Nusser, a call. We need several to judge, and it will be excellent experience for you to learn how others do it. If your child is completing a recordbook, you should plan on helping one of these nights.

District recordbook judging is July 21 and anyone can judge who is willing. This is another good opportunity for leaders who really want to get competitive. Call me if you are interested.

Steer Validation

Thank you to everyone who helped with validation this year. Gray County 4-H has 17 steers on feed this year, and we expect some wonderful things from these 4-H projects.

A special thank you to Gray County Vet Clinic for helping us out.

Recordbook Deadline

We will need your recordbooks turned in by noon on July 13. Remember, in order to be eligible for Gold Star, Rookie of the Year or I Dare You, you must complete a recordbook. Call if I can help.

4-H Breads Project

Kay and Lori Stephens will be leading a series of breads workshops in July and everyone is invited. All project meetings will be held at the Gray County Annex from 1:30-4 p.m. The following is a list of dates and topics for the workshops: July 9, No fry donuts; July 13, Yeast rolls; July 16, Funnel cakes.

Cost of each project meeting is \$2 per person, and you should call the Extension office by noon of the day before each workshop if you plan to attend.

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Newsmakers

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University recently accepted Brooks Ferguson of Pampa, son of Terry and Melody Ferguson of Pampa, as a sophomore transfer student. He plans to pursue a business degree in information and operations management at the university's Lowry Mays College of Business.

He is a 1997 home school graduate of Christian Liberty Academy Satellite School and attended Clarendon College this past year, where he was named to the President's List for the spring 1998 semester.

He is the grandson of Harry and Pat Ferguson of Hurst and Charlyse and J.C. Prince and the late Fred R. Morriss, all of Lake Brownwood.



Brooks Ferguson

He is currently employed at Watson's Feed and Seed.

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kelly Pletcher, 1989 Pampa High School graduate and son of Mary Pletcher of Pampa, recently departed on a six month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Pletcher is one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship which departed its home port of Everett, Wash., to lead the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group is comprised of 10 tactical air squadrons, five surface combatants and two submarines.

SEABROOK — Thomas "Bret" Folmar, a former Pampa resident and son of Judy and Jay Riley of Pampa and Tom Folmar of Houston, was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Houston. Folmar received an associate of arts degree from San Jacinto Junior College and served three years in the U.S. Army Airborne Rangers at Fort Drum, N.Y.

He is currently pursuing a master's degree in fitness and human performance. He is a personal trainer/massage therapist at The Houston Center Club and maintains a private practice. He and wife Angela reside in Seabrook.

He is the grandson of Don and Dorothy Stephens of Pampa and the former Marshall and Lois Folmar of Pampa.



Thomas Folmar

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University recently announced its honor rolls for the 1998 spring semester. Amy Hayes, daughter of Ron and Vicki Hayes, was named to the university's A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student List.

DENTON — The University of North Texas recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars for the 1998 spring semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Jonathan David Jackson of Pampa.



Jonathan Jackson



Wyatt Smith

Career Development Conferences with her research project comparing the customer service offerings of a local business with that of a businesses competitor. Her project was awarded Competency at the National Career Development Conference.

She has been employed at The Medicine Shoppe while in the Marketing Program at PHS. She plans on attending Amarillo College in the fall.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a senior who is an active member of DECA and plans on majoring in marketing or business in college.



Nicole Watson

Exploring fascination with seared meat

By BEVERLY BUNDY
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In the beginning, there was fire, and it was good. It was so good that it spread throughout the world where nations and peoples gathered and ate.

It was 125,000 years ago that our forebears brought the magic of the flame to cooking, most likely through a happy accident. Perhaps a hapless woolly mammoth who stumbled into a campfire, emerging as a glorious rack of juicy ribs, pointed the way and lit the pilot that would become a Weber empire.

At any rate, that mammoth begot the tandoori of India, which begot the kebabs of the Middle East, which begot the jerk of Jamaica, which begot the brisket of Texas. It's all one big old barbecue belt.

And now it's all been put in a neat bundle in "The Barbecue! Bible" by Steven Raichlen (Workman, \$18.95). Raichlen, who has won awards for his previous books, including "Miami Spice," will certainly win more for this comprehensive look at grilling around the world.

Raichlen's book may well become the St. James version for the international barbecue crowd, with his more than 500 recipes for everything from madeira beef and bay leaf kebabs to grilled eggplant with miso barbecue sauce. If you want the word on what they grill anywhere in the world, "The Barbecue! Bible" is the gospel.

The 10 commandments of righteous barbecue:

1. Be organized: Have everything — food, marinade, basting sauce, seasonings and tools — on hand by the grill before beginning.

2. Gauge your fuel: When using charcoal, light enough to form a bed of glowing coals 3 inches wider on all sides than surface area of food you're planning to cook. (A 22 1/2-inch grill needs one lighting chimney's worth of coals.) When cooking on a gas grill, make sure tank is at least one-third full.

3. Preheat grill to right temperature: Remember, grilling is a high-heat cooking method. Temperature should be at least 500 degrees. When using charcoal, let it burn until it is covered with a thin coat of gray ash. Hold your hand about 6 inches above the grate. After 3 seconds, the force of the heat should force you to snatch your hand away. When using a gas grill, preheat to high (at least 500 degrees); this takes 10-15 minutes. When indirect grilling, preheat grill to 350 degrees.

4. Keep it clean: Clean the grate twice: once after you've preheated the grill and again when you've finished cooking. The first

cleaning will remove any bits of food you missed after your last grilling session. Use the edge of a metal spatula to scrape off large bits of food, a stiff wire brush to finish scrubbing the grate.

5. Keep it lubricated: Oil grate just before placing the food on top. Spray it with oil (away from the flames), use a folded paper towel soaked in oil, or rub it with a piece of fatty bacon, beef fat or chicken skin.

6. Turn, don't stab: The proper way to turn meat on a grill is with tongs or a spatula. Never stab the meat with a carving fork — unless you want to drain the flavor-rich juices onto the coals.

7. Know when to baste: Oil-and-vinegar, citrus-, and yogurt-based bastes and marinades can be brushed on the meat throughout the cooking time. (If you baste with a marinade that you

used for raw meat or seafood, don't apply it during the last 3 minutes of cooking.) When using a sugar-based barbecue sauce, apply it toward the end of cooking time. The sugar in these sauces burns easily and shouldn't be exposed to prolonged heat.

8. Keep it covered: When cooking large cuts of meat and poultry, such as a whole chicken, leg of lamb or prime rib, use the indirect method of grilling or barbecuing. Keep the grill tightly covered and resist the temptation to peek. Every time you lift the lid, you add 5 to 10 minutes to the cooking time.

9. Give it a rest: Beef, steak, chicken — almost anything you grill — tastes better if you let it stand on the cutting board for a few minutes before serving. This allows the meat juices, which have been driven to the center of

a roast or steak by the searing heat, to return to the surface. The result is a juicier, tastier piece of meat.

10. Never desert your post: Grilling is an easy cooking method, but it demands constant attention. Once you put something on the grill (especially when using the direct method), stay with it until it's cooked. This is not the time to answer the phone, make the salad dressing or mix up a batch of your famous margaritas.

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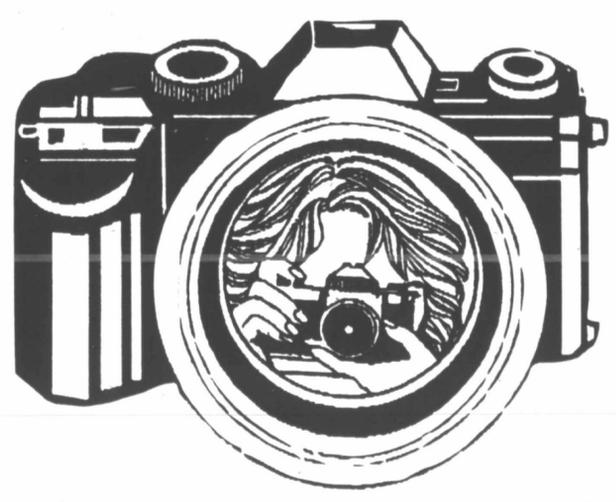
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WEDNESDAY Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, jello.	THURSDAY Ham, okra and tomatoes, northern beans, pudding.	WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, spice cake or pineapple/peach cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, graham crackers.	Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken breasts over wild rice, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, French vanilla cake or cherry creme pie, hot rolls or cornbread.	THURSDAY Chicken strips or meatloaf, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, French vanilla cake or cherry creme pie, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY Barbecue sausages or chick-	FRIDAY Fried cod fish or beef stew, potato wedges, turnip greens, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, tomatoes or spinach, garlic breadsticks, hot rolls or cornbread.	

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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

MARKET FORECASTER by George Kleinman

WHEAT [BULL]

Outlook: The wheat futures seasonally form a bottom most years when the winter wheat harvest is about 50% over. This has been my experience. We are now getting close to this critical point. The US winter wheat crop is going to be a good one, but as I said repeatedly in the last month, I believe this news is already discounted in price. The recent rally has, no doubt, been somewhat sympathetic to the corn and soybean bull. Yet, wheat has some solid fundamentals all its own. The spring wheat has the most potential. The US and Canadian spring wheat crops will be smaller even if good (lower planted acres), and I still do not see them all that good. It remains dry in areas of Alberta, and the Dakotas are variable. The big commodity trading funds have started the short covering process, but it does not feel like they are done. Many are selling wheat on spreads versus the purchase of corn. This could bite them down the road when they try to extricate themselves.

Strategy:

Hedgers: Call options, while not as cheap as the last few weeks, are still cheap by historical standards. Consider selling your crop at harvest, with the simultaneous purchase of December calls. You get cash up front which you can use now. You limit your downside price risk to the option cost, and you avoid storage. You still own wheat, but on paper instead of in the bin. You profit if prices move higher by year-end. This looks to me to be a good alternative to just holding and hoping.

Traders: We own Minneapolis September 370 calls and 340 calls at prices under 14¢ for both as a limited risk, high potential way to speculate for higher wheat prices. The 340s were bought about as cheap as you could have got them!

CORN [BULL/BEAR]

Outlook: As this is being written, we are in the midst of a good old-fashioned weather rally in the corn pit at the CBT. As this is written, I cannot tell you if this rally is justified from a fundamental standpoint. Due to deadline necessities, I am writing this the week before you most likely will be reading it. You will know more about the validity of this rally as you read this, than I can today. You see, at the time of the writing the market is anticipating there will be hot, dry, crop

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hurting weather coming. We certainly should know by July 4th where we are at. While there are still some areas that are too wet, there certainly are areas that need rain. Not that the corn is looking all that bad, it looks good in most locations, but it does need a good soaking rain in the coming 7 to 10 days. If the weather is inflammatory, we no doubt are headed higher. Alternatively, the market could be forming a seasonal high just about now.

Strategy:

Hedgers: We are 65% hedged new crop production. 10% at 275 in the December futures, 40% above 260 using the December 260 puts, and 15% above 245. Add another 15% on rallies above 275 using options.

Traders: This market is too dependent on daily weather considerations to give a rational recommendation in this column. Feel free to call me at the office.

SOYBEANS [BULL/BEAR]

Outlook: Remember the "gloom and doom" mentality among farmers and traders at the Chicago Board of Trade? Record large acres, record large competition from South America, the Asian Crisis. These were all factors which were going to double the carryout and squash soybean prices lower than low. Remember? It's not that hard, since it was not all that long ago. We're not talking last year or even last month, this mentality was only weeks ago. I called this mentality "a bullish accident waiting to happen" in a recent Market Forecaster. Well, the spark came in a classic weather scare, and as this is being written, prices are 85¢ above the recent lows. Now we are seeing the opposite of "gloom and doom", and it called "speculative fever". Record large acres will mean lower prices come harvest time, unless this heat is the crop killing variety. It may be, but it is too early to get this crazy over soybeans. The caution flag is raised!

Strategy:

Hedgers: We are 50% hedged new crop production, using put options only, above 620 in the

November. Look to complete the job above \$6.75, but only use puts, which will protect your downside without limiting your upside potential.

Traders: We are long the November 625 calls at less than 15 cents and legged into short November futures above 620. This is a limited risk short position. Hold for now.

CATTLE [BULL]

Outlook: If you read this column weekly, you know how I cautioned about getting too bearish grains a few weeks ago. There was an attitude of "gloom and doom" among traders, and this is what is seen at bottoms. Perhaps you can see where I am heading here. There is "gloom and doom" in the cattle business right now. Cash is falling, the beef market is on the defensive, some cattle feeders are cash poor and unable to bid aggressively for replacement cattle. Packers appear well covered, E-coli still is hitting the news (and although it is on chicken, fruit and who knows what else, they always show the hamburgers). Heat is hurting retail demand, and feeder cattle prices. In a nutshell, the news is all bad. Well, that means the news cannot get much worse, so I think we are at or close to a price bottom. The fundamentals are not all that bad looking ahead; there will be smaller numbers available for slaughter into the summer and year-end, not large, so I would be careful about too much gloom.

Strategy:

Feeders: At current depressed futures prices, we suggest remaining un-hedged in August forward now, looking for higher prices down the road.

Cow-calf operators: The fundamentals of tight supplies is longer term bullish for feeder cattle. Futures are at a discount to cash, so remain un-hedged at this time.

Traders: I would like to again lower by "buy above the market" recommendations. Buy the October futures on strength; on a close now above 6520. Be prepared to risk to 6385. I would anticipate this could turn into a longer term trade.

Extension In Progress

LEAF SCORCH ON AREA PLANTS

The majority of plant problems coming to the office these days is associated with the recent hot dry conditions. In most cases, leaf scorch is the culprit. Leaf scorch can be identified by the leaves turning brown on the edges and between the veins. Sometimes the whole leaf dies but generally trees are not in danger of dying.

Leaf scorch is caused by excessive moisture lost from the leaves due to evaporation. Water evaporates from the leaves faster than the roots can replenish the moisture. The leaves then turn brown and wither.

You should deep water trees during the hot periods to saturate the entire root area. There is no control of leaf scorch but management practices such as planting trees adapted to our area will help prevent future problems.

TEX-A-SYST - REDUCING GROUND WATER CONTAMINATIONS

The last three weeks we've discussed the Tex-A-Syst publications which give homeowners and producers with rural water wells an assessment of potential contamination to their wells. So far we've discussed pesticide storage and handling and livestock pen holding and handling facilities. Risk assessment and management practices associated with these potential problems can be determined by using these publications and they are available at the Gray County Extension Office.

This week's publication is "Reducing the Risk of Ground Water Contaminations by Improving Fertilizer Storage and Handling". Fertilizers make an important contribution to agriculture and are commonly used in urban areas. However, fertilizer is a major source of nitrate which is commonly found in water wells in Texas. Nitrate is the by-product of Nitrogen which leaches in the soil. Phosphorus and Potassium do not leach rapidly and are generally not a problem as contaminants.

Nitrate levels in drinking water can pose health problems particularly to infants under six months of age. Young livestock can also be very susceptible to health problems associated with high nitrate-nitrogen levels.

Although nitrogen leaching is the most common source of nitrates being found in water wells, there are other sources of nitrates that potentially could contaminate a well. They are septic systems, livestock yards, livestock waste storage facilities, and silage storage. Below we will discuss management practices associated with storage and handling of fertilizer.

STORAGE

Facilities for fertilizer storage should be very similar to that of pesticide storage areas. They should be located downslope and at least 100 feet from the water well. Mixing and loading should be done near the storage area in order to minimize the distance chemicals are carried. Bags should be stored on pallets and dry products should be stored separately from liquid products. It is important that the area be where it can be locked with the proper signs indicating what's in the storage area.

Some other suggestions related to storage include only storing what you need, use sound containers to hold chemicals, and the area should be separate from other areas such as machine sheds, shops, etc.

MIXING AND LOADING

Contaminations can result from small quantities of fertilizer regularly being spilled in the same location. Spills of dry fertilizer should be promptly and completely cleaned up. Liquid spills are a

much greater problem.

There are numerous steps you can take to minimize spills and leaks. You can follow these basic guidelines; avoid mixing and loading near the well, move your mixing site from year to year, avoid mixing on surfaces such as driveways and sandy soils because of high permeability, apply anti-back-siphon devices on wells and hydrants provide a six-inch gap between the hose and tank, and always supervise mixing.

CONTAINER DISPOSAL

Those who use bagged fertilizer need to bundle bags and dispose of them at an approved landfill. Do not burn bags. It is illegal to do this in Texas.

Proper off-side disposal practices are essential to prevent contamination that could affect the water supplies and health of others.

This publication guide gives you an evaluation table which can help you determine your risk of the water on your property being contaminated. It can be sent to you by calling (806) 669-8033 or coming by the Extension Office located at the Gray County Annex east of Pampa.

TRI-STATE FAIR STEAK EATING CONTEST

This is the second year for this activity to be held at the Tri-State Fair. The date for the contest is September 23 at 6 p.m., one contestant allowed from each county, and they must be 18 years or older. Awards include \$1,000 for first, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third. The winner will also receive 250 single gate tickets to the 1999 fair which must be given to winner counties non-profit charities.

If you are interested in this activity, give me a call. Other activities you can get involved with at the fair include, Cowboy or Cowgirl of the Year and the Lean Ground Beef Contest. If interested, call my office for details of these activities.

AGRI-PARTNER UPDATE

It's great to see rain again! even though it was not much in some areas, we know it still can rain. This week corn began to pull moisture from the second foot according to gypsum blocks. PET data shows corn planted on April 15 has used 17.5 inches of moisture this season and is currently using between .5 and .6 of an inch of moisture per day.

In comparison, Sorghum is using .3 of an inch per day and soybeans about .37 of an inch/day. Sorghum and soybeans planted on May 15 have potentially used 9.2 and 10.8 inches of moisture respectively for the season.

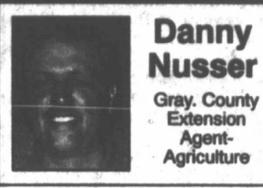
Just for your information, wheat planted on October 1 potentially used 39.2 inches of moisture last year compared to 48.7 inches of moisture for wheat planted on August 15. Is that extra 45 days of planting worth 10 inches of water? It depends on the value of your grazing - something to think about.

Remember PET information is available to anyone interested and can be faxed daily to your home or found on the Internet at <http://amarillo2.tamu.edu/nppet/petnet1.htm>.

If you have questions about anything related to information in this column, call the Extension Office or come by. Also, you can converse with me at my e-mail address at d-nusser@tamu.edu.

Danny Nusser

Gray County Extension Agent-Agriculture



Have a good holiday!

In Memory of Norman "John" Green

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day: Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Sincerely - Mary Green, Perry & Andy, Sandra Chumley, Pat Donaldson & grandchildren



State establishes Hay Hotline

AUSTIN (AP) — A toll-free hotline has been set up by the state for farmers and ranchers in drought-stricken areas of Texas who need hay for their livestock. "The Hay Hotline is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers

to locate forage during this difficult time," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "The hot, dry weather continues to take its toll on range and pastureland across Texas, and producers in scattered areas need

additional forage supplies for their livestock."

Many ranges and pastures are not providing adequate grazing, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Producers are rapidly depleting carryover hay stocks. In addition, many pastures and hay fields have not had sufficient regrowth following the first hay cutting. In some parts of the state, producers were not able to get a first cutting, Perry said.

"The Hay Hotline is a precautionary measure since there is no federal Emergency Feed Program this year," Perry said.

Producers with hay can call the toll-free hotline — 1-877-429-1998

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— and be put on a list of suppliers. Farmers and ranchers who need hay can call the number and request a list of hay suppliers.

TDA will put the list of suppliers on its website (www.agr.state.tx.us), Perry said.

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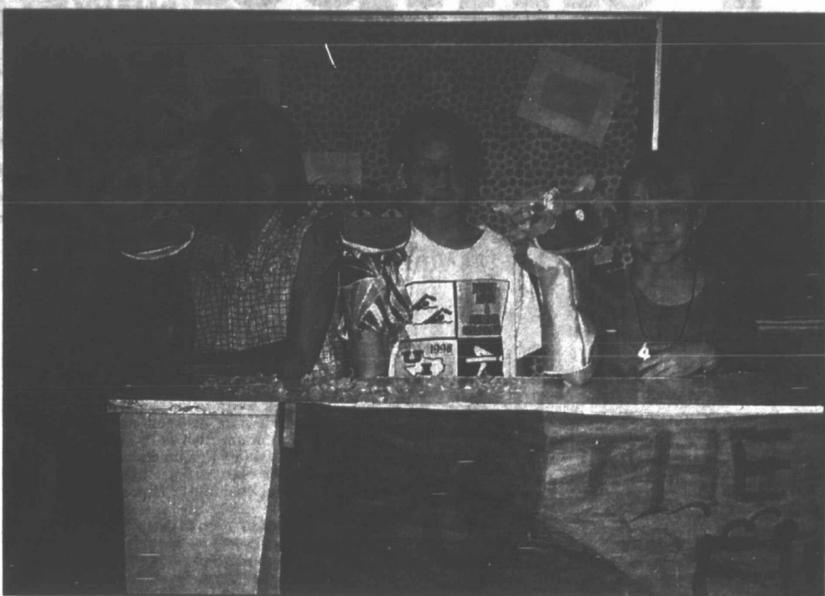
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Lamar summer program



Joe Sharpton, Crystal Swayne and Tanis Belleau put on a puppet show at Lamar Elementary for the Summer Reading Program. While Cassie Newton (left), Lianne Nelson and Beth Adams show puppets they made to tell a Tall Tale.

(Photo by Andrea Wyatt)

New York Life agents: Company cheated them out of benefits

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Life Insurance Co., the nation's fourth-largest insurer, for years offered its agents one of the best deals in the industry, a military-style retirement plan that kicked in after 20 years.

Former agents now say it was too good to be true. The angriest of them claim the company has been firing and forcing them out in large numbers this decade, before they could hit their 20th year. New York Life, they allege, has saved money at their expense by renegeing on the promise of the lifetime pay. Indeed, the company has eliminated more than 3,000 agents since 1991, when it stopped offering the program to new hires.

New York Life says the agents' charges are simply not true. "To say that we'd terminate an agent to save money down the road is ludicrous," says Phil Hildebrand, senior vice president in charge of New York Life's agent network.

He denies anyone was targeted for the benefits they would receive. He adds eliminating veteran agents actually hurts New York Life. "It costs us hundreds of thousands of dollars to hire and train a new agent," Hildebrand says. "When they really become an asset is after their fifth year."

Nevertheless, the agents are making their cases known. "They started looking for ways of getting rid of those agents who they owed the most to," says Tom Barnhart, an agent in Wenatchee, Wash., who was fired in 1994 after 16 years with New York Life.

Barnhart has become a central figure for agents angry with their treatment; his plight became a cover story for Life Association News, a trade magazine. Barnhart was fired after failing to meet a newly imposed sales quota, and sued New York Life. He argued the firing cost him \$441,265.

"As it turns out, my problem is the problem that a ton of agents are having across the country," he says. Barnhart says he has spoken with literally hundreds of other agents with similar stories.

The Associated Press interviewed two dozen agents and New York Life officials, examined hundreds of pages of documents and court records, and looked at company and regulatory data to explore the allegations of Barnhart and others.

Courts and arbitrators also have examined the issue, and ruled: New York Life's actions were all perfectly legal.

Since its birth in 1845, New York Life has grown into a massive, international corporation with \$84.1 billion in assets and about 3.5 million policyholders.

For many years, it offered agents one of the most lucrative deals in the industry. After 20 years, the company provided a monthly

cash payment for life based on the value of insurance sold over the course of a career. It required virtually no additional sales but could be increased every five years if the agent kept selling. Active agents got the monthly benefit in addition to ongoing commission-based pay.

The program's roots date back to 1895. In 1982, it was changed slightly to incorporate a traditional pension program, but the dollar-value remained essentially the same. Once you reached 20 years, you could lock in your pay for life.

"You hit your 20 years and then you graduate. You're knighted," says Rick Kirby, former general manager of New York Life's Greensboro, N.C., office.

An agent who signed his New York Life contract at age 30 would be eligible for the lifetime benefit at 50. If he lived to be 80, he would get the benefit for 30 years. Even if it worked out to a relatively modest \$1,000 a month, a reasonable figure according to the company, and did not increase, the company would end up paying out \$360,000.

For 2,000 agents, that would be \$720 million. As of year-end 1997, New York Life had 10,432 licensed agents, according to company data filed with the New York State Insurance Department. That's down 3,177 from the end of 1990.

New York Life denies it saves any money on agents departing. First, Hildebrand says, there's lost revenue and the cost of recruiting new agents. Second, agents tend to take some of their clients with them when they leave.

Starting in the 1980s, when the cost of life insurance premiums began to fall, the lifetime deal became far more expensive for New York Life.

In 1991, a different deal was offered to new agents. The company today provides a deferred compensation plan, which lets agents put money away for the future, in combination with the traditional pension program. To make up for any shortfall — unless an agent retires early, the pension would not pay until age 65 — New York Life offered higher initial commissions.

Hildebrand acknowledges that with premiums coming down, the old deal had simply become "too expensive." Other insurers were rewriting their own agents' contracts, too.

"From the companies' perspective, it was a matter of economic survival," says Tom Upton, an analyst at Standard & Poor's Corp., a major rating service.

Agents critical of New York Life were all hired before 1991, putting them in line for the lifetime pay. They're angry because, they say, the com-

pany pushed them out and in their places hired newer, cheaper agents.

Figures provided by New York Life show a faster turnover of experienced agents after the lifetime deal was eliminated in 1991.

In 1990, agents with 10 to 19 years' experience who were fired, signed, retired, died or went out on disability came to 2.4 percent of all such separations. That more than doubled to 5.3 percent by 1995, and stood at 4.6 percent last year. (Hildebrand says industry changes put additional pressure on agents in 1994 and '95.)

New York Life's overall agent-force decline from the end of 1990 to last year, according to the state figures, comes to 23 percent. That, the company points out, falls in line with the industry as a whole.

Bureau of Reclamation unveils water conservation web site

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Bureau of Reclamation's Virtual Water Conservation Center called "WaterShare" is now available online. This Reclamation web site provides information for all ages and interests ranging from local water conservation programs to a series of interactive children's activities.

The name "WaterShare" rests on the principle that through careful management there is enough water to share with everyone. According to Reclamation Commissioner Eluid Martinez, WaterShare integrates three areas that impact water conservation.

"We have interactive episodes on nature, agriculture and urban water," Martinez said. "Each of these episodes tie into a teacher lesson plan, so the site is not only useful, but also provides a solid platform for someone to teach water conservation principles."

In addition to a children's site and teacher lesson plans, the site can be used as a reference source for documentation. "We have literature online in various formats for viewing or printing that people can access," said Julie Spezia, water conservation team leader for Reclamation. "Before, when people asked us for information, we had to mail these bulky documents. Now, for those who have access to the Internet, we can refer them directly to our web site. It really streamlines the process."

The Expert Links section of WaterShare provides a directory of related Web sites by categories such as education, government and resources. In addition, there is a link to the University of California, Davis "water experts" database. This searchable list features over 2,000 names of water specialists, their affiliations and area of expertise.

WaterShare is located on the World Wide Web at <http://www.watershare.usbr.gov>.

CattleWomen announce Beef Ambassador winners

Amanda Sinclair of Panhandle is the first place winner of the Texas CattleWomen's District I Beef Ambassador Contest. Twenty-two counties in the Top O' Texas are represented by District I. Sinclair won with her illustrated talk about Beef Safety, emphasizing the three C's — Cool it, Clean it and Cook it. She won \$100 in prize money and a \$25 Beef Certificate.

Shelly Murray of Lefors won second place with her speech about cattle's role in the environment and economy which stressed the recycling ability of cattle. Murray won a \$50 Gift Certificate from Wayne's and a \$25 Beef Certificate.

Jeremy Pierce of Lefors placed third with "The Role of Beef in Nutrition," teaching

the important nutrients in beef including eight essential amino acids that humans need. Pierce won a \$25 Gift Certificate from Wayne's and a \$25 Beef Certificate. Sinclair and Murray will advance to the state contest and Pierce will be first alternate July 10-11 in Brownwood.

Judges for the event were Bill Breeding of Miami, Diana McGarr of Canadian and Joe VanZandt of Mobeetie.

All contestants and judges received official Beef Ambassador T-Shirts, goodie bags and Beef Certificates. Sponsors for these gifts were in Canadian First National Bank, First State Bank, Canadian Banking Center, Production Credit Association; Macey's Steakhouse; Texas Rose

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The Beef Ambassador Contest is a national program of the American CattleWomen Association. Ambassadors represent the cattle industry to groups and organizations across the country. Contestants must research and prepare an illustrated talk about the beef industry and answer questions from audience members.

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Clueless Turkey Hunter Causes Readers to Gobble

DEAR ABBY: I just roared at the letter from "Turkeyless in Arkansas." I couldn't stop laughing, so I sat down and wrote my own version — from a woman's point of view. It's titled, "Men Are From the Forest; Women Are From the Mall." Hope you enjoy it.
ANN IN MANZANITA, ORE.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ANN: Not only did I enjoy it, so will my readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have the most handsome boyfriend in the world — and the nicest, I thought, until I realized that "Ben" does not understand or respect my favorite activity: shopping.

Yesterday, my friend and I took a shopping trip with us, so he could learn the appeal. I explained everything to him the night before, but shopping day was a disaster. He was not up at 4:30 to be first in line. He poked around and refused to wear the shopping attire I had given him — comfortable shoes and a backpack. In the shops, he refused to cooperate. His critical attitude attracted embarrassing attention from other shoppers. To top it all off, when I made a purchase, he would throw up his arms and scream, "Run, Visa Card! Run!"

My friend could not stop laughing. I was so angry I haven't been able to speak to him since. Abby, how could this man be so insensitive to my feelings? Now I am no longer sure this relationship is such a good idea. Ben is good-looking and

has a great career, but is this relationship worth saving? I'm not giving up my shopping excursions.
PURCHASELESS IN OREGON

This is Abby again. I couldn't resist writing an answer.

DEAR PURCHASELESS: If you're been buying what Ben has been "selling" — how can you call yourself "purchaseless"?

Whatever his masculine appeal might be, Ben is clearly not someone who's likely to develop a love for shopping.

If your ideal man is one who enjoys rising at 4:30 a.m., putting on sensible shoes and carrying a backpack so you don't have to carry your own packages, you are shopping in the wrong department.

Ben may look like a prize — but he's no bargain. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe your answer to "Turkeyless in Arkansas."

Gwen is being told what to do, when to do it, how to do it and then

expected to show respect to the person giving the orders, and you call her a turkey! I thought the "Me Tarzan, you Jane" mentality was a thing of the past. Nowhere in the letter does the turkey hunter say he asked Gwen if she wanted to go hunting, and nowhere do I see where he listened to her reply. That brainless turkey hunter needs to quit sniffing his face paint and realize that Gwen is using passive aggression to make the point of her disdain for his sport and his lack of communication skills.

Beauty and an ability to cook are poor reasons upon which to base a relationship. If "Turkeyless" wants a relationship, not only does he need to learn to communicate better and listen, he should look for common interests rather than expecting Gwen to kowtow to him.

A GROUSE HUNTER IN MINNESOTA

DEAR GROUSE HUNTER: Gwen wasn't hog-tied and forced to go along on the turkey hunt. She could have refused the invitation.

The hunter wants a woman with whom to share his love of turkey hunting, and Gwen is definitely not that woman. So, for his purposes, she is a turkey.

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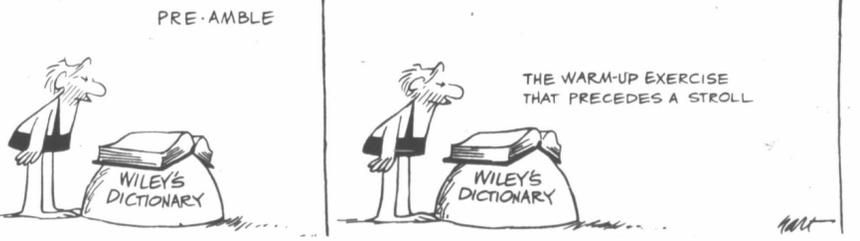
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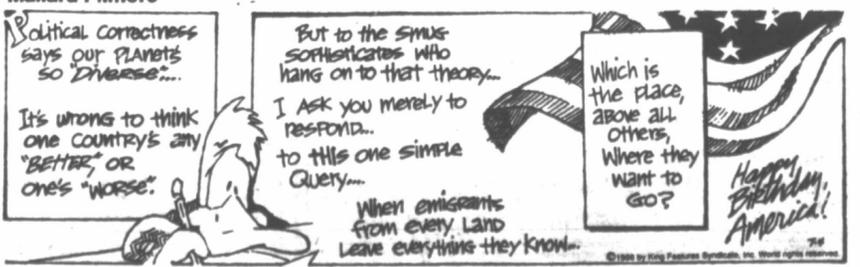
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Horoscope

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Reach out for someone. Animated discussions prevail on the home front. You need a change. Consider rearranging furniture or adding a home office. Take the overview. Brainstorming produces solutions. Be more accepting of the unusual. Tonight: Attend a meeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Make that extra effort with new people. Co-workers appreciate your questions and ideas. Willingly accept new technology; don't fight the inevitable. A benefit is likely to come through your superiors, who express their approval of your work. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Others' ways sometimes challenge you. Refuse to get involved in something you don't want to. Stay open to unusual information. There is more than a kernel of truth here. Others can trigger your emotions, but keep the conversations going. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You express yourself in a more vital and direct way. Discussions are focused. Look at a possible change in patterns. Your health and work benefit as a result. A partner surprises you. You pull the wild card financially; it's time to buy a lottery

ticket. Tonight: Fit in exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your vibrant nature blossoms. Over the next few weeks, you are likely to say exactly what you think. Be aware that your diplomatic skills might be lacking. A new love interest or child could be contentious. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Fun with a favorite friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Stay centered, and visualize more of what you want. Surprise! A partner or friend does everything in his power to make it happen over the next few weeks. Redecorate, clean house or create a home office. Your domestic life recharges you. Tonight: Put your feet up!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Starting up a conversation is easy; ending one is another story entirely. Traveling or a long-distance call brings good news. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. Someone definitely cares about you, and shows it. Go with a spontaneous idea; you'll have fun. Tonight: Breeze around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Indulgence and moneymaking are closely tied. Pull back, and look at what you are doing. You hear news that presents another slant or new information. Avoid gossip, and make an adjustment accordingly. Security comes with your home and family. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Nothing can stop you, but don't think a partner won't try. Laughter and humor mix. Say what

you think, but be reasonable. Some- one responds. Unexpected develop- ments lighten up the day. Work with spontaneity. Others admire changes you made. Tonight: Call the shots! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Take a deep breath. You might not be sure about where someone is coming from, but you certainly are going to find out. Listen carefully to others, who will let you know more than you wanted to. Use your intuitive abilities regarding money, then proceed cautiously. Tonight: Take a much-needed break. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Zero in on what you want. Do not do anything halfway, especially involving work. Listen carefully to someone's feedback. Your ability to incorporate great ideas into your plans makes you a winner. Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Work is demanding yet forces you to mobilize your creativity. In the next few weeks, you'll push hard to come up with ways to circumvent red tape. A boss's demands could substantially change. Listen to feedback, especially about a diet. Tonight: Attend a must-show event.

BORN TODAY

TV executive Merv Griffin (1925), singer-actress Della Reese (1932), actor Sylvester Stallone (1946)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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"We hafta eat hot dogs on the Fourth of July because that's what the Founding Fathers ate."

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Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

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1. "The Boy Is Mine," Brandy & Monica (Atlantic) (Platinum)
2. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury) (Platinum)
3. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Platinum)
4. "My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Gold)
5. "Ray of Light," Madonna (Warner)
6. "Adia," Sara McLachlan (Arista)
7. "Come With Me," Puff Daddy featuring Jimmy Page (Epic)
8. "My All," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
9. "They Don't Know," Jon B. (Yab Yum-550 Music) (Platinum)
10. "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. "City of Angels Soundtrack," (Warner Sunset) (Platinum)
2. "MP Da Last Don," Master P (No Limit-Priority)
3. "Never S-a-y Never," Brandy (Atlantic) (Platinum)
4. "Armageddon — The Album," (Columbia)
5. "Hope Floats Soundtrack," (Capitol) (Platinum)
6. "Godzilla-The Album Soundtrack," (Epic) (Platinum)
7. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
8. "Big Willie Style," Will Smith (Columbia) (Platinum)
9. "Come On Over," Shania Twain (Mercury) (Platinum)
10. "Bulworth The Soundtrack," (Interscope) (Gold)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "The Shoes You're Wearing," Clint Black (RCA)
2. "That's Why I'm Here," Kenny Chesney (BNA)
3. "I Can Still Feel You," Collin Raye (Epic)
4. "If You See Him-If You See Her," Reba, Brooks & Dunn (MCA Nashville-Arista Nashville)
5. "A Man Holdin' On (To A Woman Lettin' Go)," Ty Herndon (Epic)
6. "Now That I Found You," Terri Clark (Mercury)
7. "There Goes My Baby," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
8. "To Make You Feel My Love," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)
9. "I Just Want to Dance With You," George Strait (MCA)
10. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain with Bryan White (Mercury)

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1. "You're Still The One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
2. "To Love You More," Celine Dion (550 Music)
3. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
4. "My Father's Eyes," Eric Clapton (Reprise)
5. "Adia," Sarah McLachlan (Arista)
6. "Looking Through Your Eyes," LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
7. "Ooh La La," Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)
8. "As Long As You Love Me," Backstreet Boys (Jive)
9. "Torn," Natalie Imbruglia (RCA)
10. "Heaven's What I Feel," Gloria Estefan (Epic)

R&B SINGLES

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1. "The Boy Is Mine," Brandy & Monica (Atlantic) (Platinum)
2. "They Don't Know-Are U Still Down," Jon B. (Yab Yum-550 Music) (Platinum)
3. "Make It Hot," Nicole featuring Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott & Mocha (The Gold Mine)
4. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Platinum)
5. "My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Gold)
6. "Still Not a Player," Big Punisher featuring Joe (Loud)
7. "I Get Lonely," Janet featuring Backstreet (Virgin)(Gold)
8. "Ghetto Supastar (That Is What You Are)," Pras Michel featuring Ol' Dirty B — (expletive deleted) & Introducing Mya (Interscope)
9. "My All-Breakdown," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
10. "It's All About Me," Mya and Sisqo (Interscope) (Gold)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "Iris," Goo Goo Dolls (Warner Sunset)
2. "Closing Time," Semisonic (MCA)
3. "Shimmer," Fuel (550 Music)
4. "Flagpole Sitta," Harvey Danger (Slash-London-Island)
5. "Ava Adore," The Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
6. "Inside Out," Eve 6 (RCA)
7. "One Week," Barenaked Ladies (Reprise)
8. "The Way," Fastball (Hollywood)
9. "Push It," Garbage (Almo Sounds-Interscope)
10. "Intergalactic," Beastie Boys (Grand Royal)

LATIN TRACKS

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1. "Rezo," Carlos Ponce (EMI Latin)
2. "Yo Naci Para Amarte," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)
3. "Se Me Rompe El Alma," Victor Manuel (Sony Discos)
4. "Por Mujeres Como Tu," Pepe Aguilar (Musart-Balboa)
5. "Suavemente," Elvis Crespo (Sony Disco)
6. "Sabor A Mi," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
7. "Aliviamme," Servando Y Florentino (WEA Latina)
8. "Asi Fue," Juan Gabriel (Ariola-BMG)
9. "Como Duele," Manny Manuel (Merangazo-RMM)
10. "Desde Que Te Amo," Los Tucanes De Tijuana (EMI Latin)

Musical missteps: Hey, play a song for me Mr. Shatner

NEW YORK (AP) — Sing. Sing a song. Sing out loud. Sing out strong.

Wait. On second thought, don't sing at all. For pity's sake, just go away.

Leonard Nimoy probably should have gone away. William Shatner definitely should have gone away. Sebastian Cabot, Buddy Ebsen, Joe Pesci and, Lord help us, Watergate's Sen. Sam Ervin and "Tic Tac Dough's" Wink Martindale really should have gone away too.

They didn't. Instead, they decided to augment their sometimes soaring, sometimes flagging careers by recording what in some realms might be considered music.

"Golden Throats," an occasional series of compact discs from the folks at Rhino Records, where chestnuts are their business, resurrects these stars' questionable decisions like so many rotting graveyard corpses. In four agonizing CDs, "Golden Throats" compiles the most outlandish examples of celebrities' tuneful dilettantery and offers them up in hunks hefty enough to choke on.

"They never imagined we'd be digging this stuff up," says Gary Peterson, a Rhino producer who came up with the "Golden Throats" concept a decade ago with his then-partner, Fat Sierchio.

"Can you imagine being in the recording studio, seeing this going on?" says Sierchio. It hurts to listen to Shatner, with his staccato voice, emoting the late, lamented John Lennon's "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" or belting out a "Mr. Tambourine Man" that suggests he ran out of laxatives the night before. It hurts to hear the voice of Andy Griffith — the voice that comforted Opie and gently upbraided Barney Fife — drawing through the folk-tune-cum-rock-ballad "House of the Rising Sun."

It hurts to hear Nimoy, in full Ronald Reagan twang, nasalizing out a decidedly un-Spockian "I Walk the Line." It hurts even to contemplate Ebsen singing "Your Cheatin' Heart." And Martindale doing a John Wayne-ish "Peace in the Valley"? We'll put an "X" in the middle square to block Pilgrim.

What were these guys thinking? And what's with poet Rod McKuen's frenetic version of "Mule Train"? Isn't there a federal statute that bars anyone but Boxcar Willie from doing that?

"With some of them, you really have people who thought they were doing something profound. Shatner is one of those. Others did it because the producer told them to," says Barry Hansen, the rock folklorist better known as novelty-record advocate Dr. Demento.

The vocal train wrecks get more reality-defying — like a playlist from Radio Free Hades:

—Jack Palance huffing "The Green, Green Grass of Home."

—Mae West wheezing through "Day Tripper."

—Phyllis Diller sassing out "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" with a few one-liners thrown in between verses.

... the folks at Rhino Records, where chestnuts are their business, resurrects these stars' questionable decisions like so many rotting graveyard corpses.

"Clearly somebody said, 'Oh, Phyllis, you should do some rock 'n' roll,'" Dr. Demento says.

Ervin, the just-folks North Carolina lawmaker whose Senate Watergate Committee helped bring Nixon down, was sent into the studio by Columbia Records to capitalize on his "profile as a feed-store philosopher." What emerged was "Senator Sam at Home," an unholy amalgam of harmonica music, monologues about patriotism and, yes, his spoken cover of Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

"When yo' weary. 'Feelin' smawl. 'When tears are in yo' eyes. 'I will dry 'dem awl.'"

Granted, some selections aren't awful. The erstwhile Cassius Clay does a palatable "Stand By Me." Telly Savalas' rendition of "I Walk the Line" isn't utterly unlistenable (if you forget it's Kojak singing).

Not that these anomalies debuted as chart-toppers. When Shatner's 1968 album, "The Transformed Man," emerged ignobly from Decca's studios, it wasn't exactly greeted kindly. One critic said it "displays a blissful exuberance ... unfathomable to the befuddled listener." Lamented another: Shatner "sounds in dire need of padded restraints."

There's a reason. "It was a pretty cheap thing to do — lease a couple tunes and bring the guy in,"

says Paul Mawhinney, operator of Record-Rama Sound Archives in Pittsburgh, a staggeringly comprehensive store and music library.

So why are these things popular now? They're funny, yes, but they're also vaguely subversive.

"It's sort of a rebellious act," says Marvin Pippert, who teaches a course on popular culture and rock 'n' roll at Roanoke College in Virginia. "It tears down celebrity."

Peterson and Sierchio began with a poor-taste contest in 1987, when Rhino was but a 10-employee operation. They'd try to outdo each other.

"We went to garage sales, and we kept finding more and more of these records. They were 25, 50 cents," says Sierchio, now an independent producer.

"They were just trying to expand their celebrity," Peterson says. "I'm sure they were dead serious. For the most part, the appeal is in the unintentional humor."

Adds Sierchio: "Our big sorrow here is that Shatner stopped at one album. He should have taken the cue from Nimoy and done three or four."

Understandably, it has required some careful explaining on Rhino's part to secure artists' permission. Merv Griffin and Theodore Bikel were pleased to be part of the irony; on the other hand, Peterson says, "I don't think Wink Martindale really understood the whole thing."

In these days of boomer nostalgia, ironic Gen-X retrocool and "Nick at Nite" predominance, the series sells well — "enough to keep on doing them," Peterson says. The latest: this year's "Golden Throats 4: Celebrities Butcher the Beatles." And who can tell which of today's chaff will be tomorrow's inadvertent wheat? Will it be a David Hasselhoff? A John Tesh? Or something even more obscure lurking just beneath taste's surface, as yet undiscovered by the maestros of musical miscasting?

"This is something that's not done as much today. Modern celebrities may be a little more savvy," Dr. Demento says. But he's certain of one thing: "In 2010, some of this stuff that's being made now will sound funny to somebody."

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Dodi's father upset son not included in museum tribute

LONDON (AP) — Harrods owner Mohamed Al Fayed lashed out at Princess Diana's brother today, calling it "disgraceful" that a museum opened this week to honor the late princess made no reference to Fayed's son, Dodi.

Dodi Fayed, Diana's boyfriend at the time, was killed with the princess Aug. 31 in a Paris car crash. The museum was opened Wednesday by Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, at Althorp, the family's ancestral home where the princess is buried on an ornamental island.

"I am sure the people who visit Diana's grave will be amazed there isn't a mention of Dodi's name and there are so many of Prince Charles, who brought her so much unhappiness," Al Fayed said. "Earl Spencer just wants to get back at me."

In a recent documentary aired by the BBC, Spencer dismissed claims his sister was set to marry Dodi Fayed, saying their relationship had not gone past the "heady stage." He also criticized Al Fayed for contending Diana uttered those last words in Paris, calling the claim "monstrous."

Al Fayed said he questioned why Spencer was "distancing himself from the relationship between his sister and my son."

"He himself admitted in his speech on the day of her funeral that she had finally found happiness in her private life," he said.

A spokeswoman for Spencer said he would have no comment on Al Fayed's remarks.

In Paris today, a French judge interviewed a second bodyguard working for the Al Fayed family the night of the fatal crash.

Kes Wingfield, who has since quit working for Al Fayed, met with Judge Marie-Christine Devidal at his own request. During the closed-door session, Wingfield was expected to discuss his criticisms of the security measures in place the night of the crash.

The sole survivor of the crash, fellow bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, also quit working for Al Fayed. He has been interviewed several times by the judges and is expected to be interviewed again soon.

Authorities have blamed the drunken state of driver Henri Paul, who also worked for Al Fayed and was killed in the crash. In their first extensive comments since the crash, Paul's parents said they have received nothing but kindness from Al Fayed and Diana's family.

In an interview in the British tabloid Express on what would have been their son's 42nd birthday — Jean and Gisele Paul said they were greeted cordially by Diana's mother when they attended a recent six-hour legal session in Paris before the judge investigating the crash.

"We had a very warm meeting with Diana's

mother, Mrs. Shand Kydd. She spoke to us in slow but perfect French and understood our grief," Mrs. Paul was quoted as saying. "She was speaking to us as one grieving parent to another. She understood our pain."

She said Al Fayed also "came up to us and greeted us warmly. He shook our hands. We were fearful that he might blame our son for what happened, but there was no bad feeling from him."

VW buys Rolls-Royce, questions linger over famous trademark's use

LONDON (AP) — Volkswagen AG closed its purchase of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd. today — but after paying three-quarters of a billion dollars the German carmaker still might have problems using the luxurious brand name.

Rolls-Royce PLC, a London-based jet engine maker, said it still controls the Rolls-Royce name and logo under a deal struck when the two Rolls-Royce companies were separated in the 1970s.

"Volkswagen are aware of our rights to the name and trademark," Rolls-Royce PLC spokesman Martin Brodie said.

The German auto giant may have purchased the Rolls-Royce factory in Crewe, England, but it still has no deal to use its famous brand name, according to Rolls-Royce PLC.

Volkswagen chairman Ferdinand Piech said he was "delighted" with the closing. The deal had out-

raged some Rolls-Royce shareholders who didn't want Britain's most famous luxury automaker sold to a German company.

Volkswagen spokesman Kurt Rippolth declined to discuss the name and trademark issue earlier in the week. Volkswagen officials were unavailable for immediate comment today, according to a receptionist at Volkswagen headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany.

"We attach the greatest importance to the preservation and protection of the Rolls-Royce name and trademarks as key assets of our business, and we'll take whatever action is necessary and appropriate" to ensure that Rolls-Royce PLC shareholders don't lose out, Brodie said.

Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, paid \$780 million to close the deal after beating out an offer from rival BMW after months of bidding.

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Photographer chronicles favored area — Texas plains

By HANABA MUNN NOACK
Wichita Falls Times Record News

QUANAH, Texas (AP) — Wyman Meinzer is the resident photographer of the tiny town of Benjamin, Texas — and a storyteller as well — but he doesn't travel far for some of his best material.

His assignments have taken him from Alaska to Mexico, but the country he most likes to photograph is at his back door — the Texas plains. And the sort of Texas history that inspires him is the history he grew up with.

He knows the road well from Benjamin west to Lubbock, U.S. 82. "I love the drive, and I've made it 1,000 times if I've made it once," he said.

But when he looks out across the rugged landscape, he looks through his own lens. Some of the things he sees, his camera doesn't capture.

"I see buffalo," he said. "I see buffalo grass. I see canyons. I know pretty well where that (Buffalo) Road is."

He knows Blanco Canyon and the little pocket canyon where a decisive frontier battle took place in 1877.

"I think about (Col. Ranald) MacKenzie," he said, mentioning the U.S. cavalryman who was Comanche leader Quanah Parker's arch rival. He said he thinks of their first encounter in 1871.

"I never tire of that drive." Meinzer identifies both with the ranchers and the Comanche and the Kiowa. He grew up on a ranch. He wears a Comanche bracelet — one with a story.

The slender metal ornament was one of several found with an Indian skeleton that washed up after a flood at Gilliland, not far from Benjamin, in the 1950s, Meinzer said.

An archeologist identified the bones as the remains of an 18-year-old male Comanche, Meinzer said. The bracelet was one of many found at the scene, along with thousands of beads, he said. Someone acquired one of the bracelets and gave it to Meinzer.

"I wear it as kind of a good-luck charm," he said.

Like the Comanche brave who wore it before him, he seems to draw much of his spiritual suste-

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nance from the land and its wildlife and its legends — and from the skies overhead.

"Texas Sky" is the name of his next book, to be published by the University of Texas Press in Austin in September.

"I champion the plains every time I get a chance," he said. "No part of the state can beat us on skies."

Meinzer said he took most — and the best — of his photographs for the book from within a 100-mile radius of Benjamin, although the book will have sky pictures from all over the state.

Meinzer wrote the preface, and John Graves wrote the introduction.

Texts aside, the captions that accompany the photographs are mostly quotes from pioneers, settlers and military men who blazed the white man's first trails through Texas and recorded their various impressions of the powerful Texas skies.

Meinzer sees the rugged country with the same freshness and awe as his forebears and his brothers in spirit — the Comanche and the Kiowa.

"The Comanche, they were a rather arrogant group of people — proud," he said. "When you live in a big land, a big ranch country, you have that pride. You have it, too."

Meinzer said he sees pride in the vast open land as the tie that binds today's ranchers to the Indians who ruled the plains before them.

As for himself, he glories even in the unpredictability of the weather on the Texas plains, weather capable of harsh and sudden changes.

"I love seasonal changes," he said. "There's just a variety and a diversity here that other parts of the state don't enjoy."

Meinzer is claimed by all of Texas. He was named State Photographer for 1997. But titles of Meinzer's books (some co-authored) reflect his particular interest in history and in the plains — "The Roadrunner," "Coyote," "Plays: Jewels of the Plains," "Texas Lost: The Vanishing Heritage," "Texas Past: Enduring Legends," and "Texas Quail."

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Meinzer didn't come up with the title, but he wrote the text, and he said the title suits it fine. It's his kind of motto for his kind of country.

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Coalition supporting Beef Checkoff program

WACO — Eight organizations representing Texas cattle producers have joined together to campaign for the survival of the beef checkoff.

Monies from the checkoff, funded by a \$1-per-head mandatory assessment each time cattle are sold, are used in Texas and nationally to build demand for beef. Citing unrest among producers over the direction of the checkoff and how it is being administered under a merged beef industry structure, the Livestock Marketing Association, an organization representing independent auction operators, has started a petition drive calling for a beef checkoff referendum.

"We recognize the right of beef producers to call for a referendum to determine whether to continue or terminate the program," said Mike Whitwell, spokesman for the eight-organization coalition and a Texas Farm Bureau representative on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which administers checkoff dollars. "However, to kill this promotion program outright would be a huge mistake."

Although the coalition acknowledged that any program can be improved, they maintained that the survival of the checkoff itself is vital to the beef industry. Without those dollars, the coalition said the beef industry could no longer:

- build U.S. beef demand through advertising;
- build U.S. beef exports;
- promote the positive nutritional attributes of beef;
- fund research to improve beef quality;
- introduce new products;
- refute misinformation about beef.

"Beef producers created the checkoff as a self-help promotion, research and information program," the coalition stated. "The checkoff is the only way the beef industry has to invest in its future. The coalition is united and strongly supports the beef checkoff. We urge all cattle producers to do the same."

The coalition includes the following groups: Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cattle Feeders Association of Texas, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, Texas CattleWomen, Purebred Cattle Alliance, Dairy Farmers of America and Southwest Meat Association.

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