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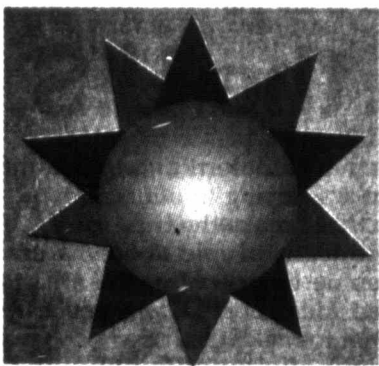
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No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11-20-29-32-46-47

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$32 million.

HONEY GROVE, Texas (AP) — The mother of twin freshman high school students in East Texas has pulled the girls out of school after learning they were subjected to an annual freshman ritual she calls hazing.

April Kosharek pulled her daughters out of Honey Grove High School on Friday after learning they participated in an "initiation" that took place on the high school's auditorium stage.

Ms. Kosharek also said the incident was condoned by the school's principal, The Paris News reported.

Seniors apparently painted the word "fish" and faux gills on the faces and necks of the two girls and other freshmen. The freshmen also were required to kneel and tell a senior "You are my superior. I worship you and obey you," Ms. Kosharek said.

"This is degrading to the students and my children felt threatened by it," Kosharek told the newspaper.

• **Gaye Harp, 59**, co-owner-operator Harp's Supply in Sunray.

• **Leslie Norton Lunsford, 42**, Title I program instructor.

• **Donald D. Tomaszewska, 72**, painter, farmer, general handyman.

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Two-year-olds Grace Ray and Andrew Laury beat the heat and share a bit of summertime fun as they play with a yard sprinkler.

(Special photo by Karen Belt)

Burning ban lifted in county

The Gray County Commissioners Court lifted the ban on open burning and discussed new ways of handling the county's money at their last meeting.

After a little discussion about the condition of the grass following recent rains commissioners voted to lift the ban although they said conditions needed to be watched closely.

"We need to remind the people to be real careful," said Commissioner Jim Greene.

The Court also approved requests from the City of Pampa to sell several pieces of properties that had been seized for back taxes and also approved the demolition of several abandoned or unsafe structures as the city requested.

The commission also heard from Henry Davis of the accounting firm Doshier, Pickens and Francis. The firm performed the outside audit of Gray County Books. The county got a clean bill of health as far as its records but Davis had several recommendations to simplify procedures and accounts in the future.

One major change recommended is to change the fiscal year from

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Train mishap hurts six

A train wreck around midnight Sunday in Panhandle sent six men to the hospital and disrupted train traffic in the area.

According to Carson County Judge Jay Roselius, a train was backing 20 cars to connect with 37 others when the train hit the parked railroad cars too hard knocking "six or seven" off the track.

The force of the impact also split one of the tank cars which was carrying Sodium Hydroxide, a liquid corrosive, the judge said. A switchman was splashed by the chemical which caused extensive burns. Five other workers breathed in some fumes. All six were transported to Amarillo. The burned switchman was later transferred to a burn unit in Lubbock while the other five workers were treated and released.

Roselius said the tracks were supposed be back in service sometime this morning. He said environmental specialists from Amarillo were on the scene

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Have the acting bug? ACT I auditions start tonight

ACT I, Pampa's community Theater, has scheduled auditions for its first show of the season for tonight and Tuesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Four Poster, 300 W. Foster, downtown.

Potential cast members will be asked to read from the scripts but no prepared audition material is needed. Age requirements: 18 to 80.

Kayla Pursley will direct the reader's theatre production of U.S.A. by Paul Shyre and John Dos Passos scheduled for performance Sept. 24-25. Originally written for six voices, Pursley hopes to cast about 12 people to play 19 different speaking parts.

The storyline is the life of J. Ward Moorehouse, born on the Fourth of July, 1901. He falls in love with a beautiful rich girl and works his way to the top of the heap. Interwoven in the story are the headlines of the day and the celebrities who made their marks on American history from 1900 to 1930: Henry Ford, Rudolph Valentino, Eugene Debs, the

ACT I Season tickets are on sale now.

Wright Brothers, WWI, Isadora Duncan, the Suffragettes. The play is a striking panorama of an era, a masterful use of biography, news, music and fiction.

Reader's Theater requires no sets or props - relying on the actor alone to tell the story. Loralee Cooley will provide piano accompaniment for the music of the time and Pursley is working on a historical slide presentation to serve as a backdrop to the action of the play. Actors must be available for five weeks of rehearsal. Rehearsals will be Monday-Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m.

ACT I Season tickets are on sale now. Single tickets are \$24 for adults. Patron memberships begin at \$125. For more information call 665-8848.



Rocking Pampa's Central Park Saturday was the group Downpour from Friona. Jamie Mata (left) plays bass, Kass Perkins is on the drums and J.D. Aronce is guitarist and does lead vocals. The event, sponsored by local group Suspense, raised money and canned goods for the Good Samaritan food drive.

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Future at stake, Clinton to tell prosecutors of Lewinsky

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the future course of his presidency at stake, President Clinton faced questioning before a grand jury today about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. The nation awaited a signal from him. The president was being prepared by his lawyers to acknowledge an "inappropriate relationship" with the former White House intern and answer the inevitable questions about whether it was sexual and whether he sought to conceal it, advisers said.

"The president is confident as he goes into today's session," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said this morning. "I wouldn't say he's exactly looking forward to it." He added that Clinton was certain about the testimony he would give, and that it would be the truth.

"He's confident about his testimony," McCurry said. The White House staff, cut off from the secretive legal preparations, was preparing for the possibility of a presidential address to the nation after his testimony. One option was to stage it from the White House living quarters rather than from the Oval Office — separating Clinton's personal conduct from his official duties.

Clinton likely would not make a final decision until after he completes his testimony before prosecutors in the White House Map Room, an official said this morning.

After denying for seven months that he had had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, any such admission was certain to prove painful, not only to his family but to the legions of supporters who vigorously defended him since January.

At the White House senior staff meeting this morning, Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles acknowledged the magnitude of the day and stressed "the importance of sticking together," two participants said. No specifics of Clinton's testimony were discussed, the participants said.

The stakes could not be higher — possible impeachment proceedings on Capitol Hill. As Clinton spent the last hours in preparation, chief lawyer said the president would confront the evidence gathered by prosecutors head-on.

"The truth is the truth. Period. And that's how the president will testify," attorney David Kendall said Sunday.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a stalwart defender of her husband since the Lewinsky allegations first surfaced, was with the president during his final preparations.

Two advisers familiar with Clinton's preparation said the president was poised to acknowledge an "inappropriate relationship" and "improper encoun-

ters" with Ms. Lewinsky. But his inner circle debated how revealing his answers to any questions about sexual behavior should be, both in public and before the grand jury.

"The question is how deeply he goes into that," said one source involved in Clinton's preparation. The source, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity.

A second source, who spoke to those preparing Clinton late Sunday, said some advisers were pressing the president to answer questions about sexual conduct when asked by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Any refusal to answer certain questions could spark another legal clash between Starr and Clinton.

What was certain was that Clinton's secret testimony from the White House would be carried live via closed-circuit television to the grand jurors at the U.S. Courthouse who have investigated the Lewinsky case.

Workers from Starr's office arrived at the courthouse early in the day bearing equipment labeled "secure video." Although Clinton was testifying from afar, more than a dozen TV satellite trucks surrounded the courthouse. Camera crews crowded the White House lawn and briefing room as well.

Confronting a task he repeatedly resisted, Clinton was to take questions from prosecutors who pieced together evidence of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and a possible cover-up through legal battles and subpoenas.

The evidence includes testimony from more than 70 grand jury witnesses — including Clinton's personal secretary and his closest advisers, the Linda Tripp tapes and Ms. Lewinsky's own testimony that she had sexual encounters with the president inside the White House and had discussed ways to conceal their relationship.

At issue are whether Clinton lied under oath in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit when he denied having sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky, and whether he conspired with others to obstruct the lawsuit.

"I think he can put this behind him," but "I don't think there is any easy way out for him," former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said Sunday.

Rep. Vic Fazio of California, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, said "the American people are forgiving" and "I think the president needs to tell the truth."

But key congressional Republicans cautioned that how Clinton answers the questions would affect their deliberations over whether to begin impeachment proceedings.

"If he goes in there and tries to manipulate the terms and use lawyer-like language to try and, you know, not tell the full truth, I think it's going to hurt him," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

White House officials have contacted Democratic congressional leaders in recent days, urging them quickly to declare the crisis over after Clinton's testimony.

A senior Democratic aide said, however, the leaders were likely to hold off such a reaction a day or two to see if Clinton testified truthfully to the grand jury, explained his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky to the public and apologized for dragging out the crisis.

Any acknowledgment by Clinton of a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky would trigger long lines of questioning by Starr's prosecutors into whether the president's desire to keep the relationship quiet led to other actions that might have been aimed at obstruction of justice.

Polls taken over the weekend left three unmistakable messages for Clinton — Americans are happy with his work in office, will not tolerate any lies to the grand jury but believe the investigation should end if he admits a sexual relationship.

An NBC poll showed the president's job approval rating stood at 70 percent, the highest the network has recorded since the controversy erupted in January.

But an ABC News poll found that 59 percent of Americans believed Clinton should resign if he is caught lying before the grand jury.

Old Time Threshing Bee slated next month

FAIRVIEW, Okla. — The Major County Historical Society will host its 13th Annual Old Time Threshing Bee on Sept. 25, 26, 27, 1998, 11/2 miles east of Fairview, on Hwy 58.

The three-day show will feature numerous pioneer farming demonstrations, turn-of-the-century equipment exhibitions and a full blown threshing demonstration powered by steam engines. Demonstrations include grain threshing, stationery baling, plowing with steam engines, plowing with antique tractors, milling grain into flour, corn harvesting, and corn grinding. Visitors may also enjoy a unique small gas engine show and a daily parade of steam engines, antique tractors and equipment and antique vehicles.

Exhibitors of all varieties of steam engines, tractors, equipment, gas engines and antique vehicles are welcome to attend the show.

Two rare and unique exhibits this year will be a 1911 Holt Crawler Tractor and a 1966 Rix Agricultural tractor. The 1911 Holt Tractor is owned and restored by Jerry Toews of

Goessel, Kan., and is only one of a few in existence. The Holt Tractor is the predecessor to the Caterpillar Tractor. The 1966 Rix Tractor was designed by Lyman Knapp of Blackwell, Okla., and Amox Rixmann of Nashville, Ill., and is now owned by The Major County Historical Society. The Rix Tractor is the only agricultural tractor to be manufactured in the State of Oklahoma. Only 13 were built and only four remain in existence.

Other show events are a livestock dog demonstration, cow milking and cream separating, arts and crafts show, commercial booths, antique tractor and equipment show, antique car show, daily musical entertainment and a variety of food booths.

For special daily events call the museum office at (580) 227-2265 or (580) 883-5969. Special events include a fashion show, antique tractor pull, special concert, worship service.

Admission will be \$5 per day. Children 12 and under are free. In addition, the museum, Veterans Memorial, Pioneer School and Pioneer House will be open for tours.

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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Rep. Mac Thornberry

Where is the respect?

Health care reform bill would give patients more freedom, control

Five years ago, the American people made an important decision regarding the way they get health care. They decided they did not want a bureaucrat from Washington making medical decisions for them, and they got Congress to defeat the plan by the Clinton Administration for government-run health care.

Today, Americans have reached another important decision regarding their health care. They've decided that bureaucrats from big insurance companies shouldn't be able to make critical medical decisions for them either. The House of Representatives recently passed a bill that will help keep this from happening.

The bill is called the Patient Protection Act. Among other things, it guarantees access to emergency room care and gives people more choices in health care, including Medical Savings Accounts. The bill also lets doctors tell their patients all of the health care options available to them — regardless of cost, and regardless of whether the treatment is covered under their particular health care plan. Perhaps most important, the bill says that if your HMO rejects you for medical care, you can go over their head and appeal that decision with an independent board of doctors.

This bill isn't everything, but it is a start. It's also something that will give doctors and patients — rather than government — more control over the health care decisions that affect their lives and the lives of their families.

Headlines cannot fully convey what area producers are experiencing

Television can take us many places, but it can't make us experience the pain and hardship people feel when they're going through difficult times.

Night after night over the past several weeks, the national news shows have been filled with images from our part of the country and stories of how people are dealing with high temperatures and the drought. By now, the stories are familiar.

Brown grass. Cracked earth. Shriveled crops. The drought is putting a real squeeze on our area, and is shaping up to be even worse than the drought of '96. Congress recently took a step toward helping with this crisis by passing a bill that gives farmers the option of taking their transition payments this Oct. 1. This bill will make over \$111 million dollars available to producers in the 13th District. It's a start, but it's not everything we need.

I'm also pushing two other measures to help farmers and ranchers. The first would make income averaging for farmers permanent. As of now, income averaging is set to end in three years. The plan I'm supporting will change that and give farmers this important option for good. The second measure would let ranchers affected by the drought share the cost of their feed with the federal government. Other options are being looked at, as well.

As I've said before, the government can't make it rain. But it can help producers cope with some of the hardships caused by factors outside their control. That's what these bills are intended to do, and that's why it's so important to keep reminding Washington that food and fiber don't just magically appear on our grocery shelves; that it's grown and raised by farmers and ranchers — the same ones we've been watching, of late, on the evening news.

Everyday we are lambasted by our TVs, radios and the written media about the sexual conduct/misconduct of our president.

This woman steps forward and states she had an affair with him in some wayside motel. Another steps up and asserts hers was under the desk. Then here comes another who claims she was offered jobs, money or bribes were she to have a secret liaison with him. The list goes on and on, as does the sensationalism in audio, video and print.

Have our morals, as a nation, sunk to the level that we are more interested in the "sensationalism" than we are the performance of a job he was elected to do? Isn't it a fact that history will judge him by his presidential conduct — the way he handled the affairs of the nation — and not by the way he handled his affairs of the boudoir? Or will President William Clinton, the last president of this century, also be the first president of the modern era, whose performance will be judged by holding him up against the Johnny "Wadd" Holmes' and other movie stars of the decadent 70's?

Granted, it appears that President Clinton has the morals of an alley cat. But remember, alley cats do still kill many rats and mice. If we, as a nation, are going to forego any good he may or may not do for us, are we also going to dig up the remains of Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Kennedy?

Roosevelt was in Hot Springs with his mistress when he died. Eisenhower had an affair (supposedly) with his English jeep driver in WW II. Kennedy's escapades in the White House swimming pool are well documented. Yet, the accomplishments of each one of these men is not dimmed by their reported or imagined sexual mores.

Even President Carter admitted to having a dalliance early on in his life. Why did the media not and appointed counsels fall upon Plains, Ga., to dig up that mess? Or were they too busy



DeWayne Foncannon
 guest columnist

with Billy and mother Carter? Or could it have been there was still a little respect left for the office and the man who held that office.

I read the humorous statement of a colleague concerning the question of how he would maneuver out of this one. He may do it. His "maneuverability" would be the envy of Ali, who was about the best in the ring.

How many times has he stated something, then a week or two later side stepped and said something else and left us with our mouths open, saying: Huh?

We have sent many republicans to Washington, D.C., in hopes, and believing, they could, perhaps, straighten out a mess that exists there with the affairs of the nation. It seems they are more set upon revenge for a "forced resignation" than they are the affairs of the nation. Perhaps we should call them home if smear and witch hunting is what they have on their minds. Maybe we should limit the time they have each term to get the affairs of the nation taken care of then come home. That might keep them from being so meddlesome and save thousands of dollars, too. Maybe they would not be so apt to hire someone like Starr to probe the sewage; he is beyond digging dirt now.

Do not read me wrong. I am not a champion of President William Clinton. I feel he is a big enough embarrassment to this country without this. Aside from an adjuster for "The Company

who Cares" their attorney, and some members of a Texas Commission, President Clinton is probably one of my least favorite people. I consider I did my homework in 1992 before the election. I observed his performance during the next four years and saw what being his friend could get you. I felt I had made a very intelligent decision in 1996 and repeated the same by casting my vote against him.

I belong to a veterans group who tried in 1992 and 1996 to educate the voters that a vote for candidate Clinton was a vote to put a man into the commander and chief's chair who did not have the guts to go to war himself.

We tried to impart that it was a shame to have a "draft dodger" sleeping in the White House while veterans of the same conflict he ran from were sleeping in the streets. We tried to tell the electorate that this same "draft dodger" would be in a position to throw their sons, daughters and grandchildren into conflict, which he has done.

President Ford began a form of amnesty and President Carter completed it by giving a blanket presidential pardon to all. This said, the country had forgiven them and would forget. I am a veteran and have not forgiven, nor will I forget. From my standpoint, it was and still is, treason to do what he did. Ask any vet. He will tell you that is called treason and that is grounds for impeachment, not his sex life.

I love my country and what it is supposed to stand for. I do not like to have my country held up to the scrutiny of the other nations in this manner. It is embarrassing and without cause. I believe in the First Amendment but I also believe in common sense and this is beyond that. We live in a democracy, which means we go with the majority and they put him there. So, for the next year and a half, at least give the office the respect it deserves, whether you like the man or not. Put this sleaze back in the tabloids and the news back in the media.

Today in history

- By The Associated Press**
 Today is Monday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 1998. There are 136 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 Fifty years ago, on Aug. 17, 1948, former State Department official Alger Hiss faced his chief accuser, Whittaker Chambers, during a closed-door meeting in New York of the House Un-American Activities Committee, and repeated his denial that he'd ever been a Communist agent.
 On this date:
 In 1807, Robert Fulton's "North River Steam Boat" began heading up New York's Hudson River on its successful round trip to Albany.
 In 1863, federal batteries and ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.
 In 1896, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a finding that touched off the Klondike gold rush.
 In 1962, East German border guards shot and mortally wounded 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

Civil liberties run amok

Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

The two Capitol police officers who were killed by Russell Weston Jr., a man said to suffer from paranoid schizophrenia, are victims and by no means the only ones of civil liberties run amok.

Not many decades ago most states had laws that allowed family members to commit involuntarily people who are mentally ill. In my state, a family could petition a county judge; the person would be picked up and held in custody, examined by two or more psychiatrists, who would then make a report to the judge who would make the decision.

The process, like any process, may have been abused but I was never aware of any when I was covering beats that included it. Nevertheless, sometimes in the '60s, civil libertarians dismantled most of those laws. They said it infringed on the rights of the mentally ill.

The result: It is very difficult today for a family to have a relative involuntarily committed. In many states, it can't be done until the person "does something" — as in killing two police officers. By then, of course, it is too late to avoid what could have been an avoidable tragedy.

Schizophrenia, a brain disorder that causes delusions, can be treated with medications, but, as in Weston's case, there is no way to force the person to take the medications.

trists and a public hearing before a magistrate offered sufficient safeguards. But not to the ideologues because — and this is another fault of theirs — they have no faith in public officials. They want to leave the public official with no room for exercising judgment and discretion. They are really egotistical. They want to substitute their judgment in the form of laws for his.

That's a key point, it seems to me. If you trust nobody, then it seems no form of government is available. A basic level of trust, without falling into the trap of gullibility, is necessary for a human community to function. Sure, sometimes our trust will be violated, but that is no reason to scrap the whole system. There are no perfect humans. There are no perfect systems. There are no perfect laws.

As a nonlawyer observer it appears to me that the old standard of the prudent and reasonable man has been lost. What was meant was that in seeking solutions the law should reflect what a prudent and reasonable person would do — not what a fanatic or an ideologue would do.

People who need treatment will continue not to get it. People who don't need to die will continue to die.

But, say hey, dude, their civil rights will be protected.

One of the difficulties of mental illness is that so often the person does not, of course, believe they are ill. This makes it extremely difficult for loved ones to persuade them to seek treatment. The Westins say they saw that their son was getting worse but there was nothing they could do.

The larger problem is the tendency of people to view civil rights as an ideology. Such people develop tunnel vision. They are not interested in solving problems. They have a preconceived notion of the solution and imposing that solution is all they are interested in.

The rational approach, which used to be common before Americans went nuts, was to look at the problem calmly and from all angles. In this case, there was clearly a need to have a mechanism by which people dangerous to themselves or others could be involuntarily committed. At the same time, there should be safeguards to make sure people don't commit perfectly sane people in order, for example, to get control of their money.

It seemed to me the opinion of two psychia-

MEDICAL

Health briefs

DNA test can indicate risk of childhood eye cancer

HOUSTON — A blood test can reveal whether children with the most common childhood eye cancer have a form of the disease that might be inherited by siblings.

"If they have the hereditary form of retinoblastoma, we recommend that the brothers and sisters undergo DNA testing to determine if they're also at risk of developing the disease," said Dr. Sharon Plon, a geneticist at Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Children's Cancer Center in Houston. The test analyzes DNA, the body's genetic blueprint, for mutations in the gene associated with retinoblastoma.

RB is a tumor on the retina in one or both eyes that usually occurs between infancy and the age of three. A cause of vision loss, the tumor is treated by surgery, radiation and/or chemotherapy.

"Children who are at risk need to have frequent thorough eye exams starting right after birth, because the tumor occurs on the back of the eye and is not easily detected," said Plon, director of the Cancer Genetics Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Fingerprinting bacteria

HOUSTON — Better methods for "fingerprinting" the DNA of bacteria are making it easier to quickly identify the source of infectious disease outbreaks.

Like humans, bacteria have unique DNA, the chemical building blocks comprising their genetic code. Scientists can fingerprint bacterial DNA with a technique called PCR, polymerase chain reaction, which makes millions of copies of DNA from a test sample. Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston are studying an improved version of fingerprinting called repetitive sequence-based PCR. This technique can make multiple copies of different sizes of DNA fragments. The pattern of fragments acts like a fingerprint, similar to the bar code on products in the grocery store, that identifies the bacterium.

"It's like working with several pieces of a jigsaw puzzle already joined together instead of individual pieces," said Dr. James R. Lupski, a professor of molecular and human genetics and of pediatrics at Baylor.

The specific pattern of DNA fragments, or "fingerprint," increases the likelihood of quickly finding bacteria with matching fingerprints in a DNA reference library, Lupski said. "This information can save lives when health officials are trying to trace the origin of an infectious disease that makes large numbers of people sick in a hospital or restaurant."

Jewish women might consider second breast-cancer test

HOUSTON — Ashkenazi-Jewish women at risk for breast cancer whose DNA test comes back negative might consider a second test that screens more thoroughly for genetic mutations.

Although genetic forms of breast cancer occur in all populations, Ashkenazi-Jewish women are more likely to inherit one of three mutations that are otherwise rare in the general population. A test that screens for those mutations only is often used when an Ashkenazi-Jewish woman undergoes testing for the breast-cancer genes, BCRA1 and BCRA2.

"This test is less expensive and faster to process than a more comprehensive test used for breast-cancer screening in the general population," said Dr. Benjamin Roa, assistant director of the DNA Diagnostic Laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Because non-Jewish women are more likely to have other types of genetic mutations linked to breast cancer, their screening usually is more difficult and involves the entire genes associated with breast cancer.

"A negative result on the limited test indicates the woman did not inherit the specific mutations often found in the Jewish population," Roa said. "But if she has a personal or family history of breast cancer, further testing should be considered to rule out the possibility of inheriting one of many other mutations in the BCRA1 and BCRA2 genes."

Nasal spray latest flu vaccine

AUSTIN (AP) — You don't have to roll up your sleeve for this flu vaccine.

Government doctors are recruiting 15,000 children in Temple to test a new influenza vaccine that is inhaled through the nose rather than injected by a needle.

Aviron, a California biopharmaceutical company, says the nasal vaccine proved 93 percent effective in a smaller study.

The \$3 million study by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases begins Monday and runs through each winter flu season through 2001.

Texas researchers plan to administer the vaccine, FluMist, to children ages 18 months through 18 years.

The study will be conducted at Scott and White Hospital and Clinic in Temple by researchers from the clinic, the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

Tristan Coffee, 20 months, was

enrolled in the program by her mother, Andrea Coffee of Temple.

Kids Q&A

Q: My day-care provider has told me that a pickle is an appropriate "vegetable" for children. Is this true?

A: Pickles make a fun, tasty, fat-free, low-calorie condiment or snack. And, because pickles are just cucumbers that have been cured in a brine, they are technically a vegetable. But, because pickles and cucumbers consist mainly of water, they offer little nutritional value. With no protein and just a small amount of calcium and only a trace of iron, pickles are not considered a "vegetable choice" in the School Lunch Program. So, nutritionally speaking, there are better vegetable choices that provide the vitamins and minerals necessary for health. And, by the way, one whole dill pickle can provide nearly half an adult's daily suggested supply of sodium.

Q: Are the nutritional recommendations for fruits and vegetables the same for my toddler and my eight-year old?

A: The Five-A-Day plan for fruits and vegetables based on the USDA Food Guide Pyramid applies to all ages, but the serving sizes vary with a child's stage of growth. From the time an infant starts solids (4-6 months of age) until the age of six, the recommended serving size for fruits and vegetables is one tablespoon per each year of life. After age six, the recommended three or more servings of vegetables and two or more servings of fruit per day is based on a one-half cup serving size.

Q: What solid foods should I introduce to my child first?

A: Breast milk and iron-fortified formula provide complete and adequate nutrition for infants up to six months of age. Although it is a common practice to begin solids earlier than this, nutritionists advise waiting until the child is at least four months old. At this age, the child is developmentally ready to handle solids.

Introduce single-ingredient foods first, beginning with one-half teaspoon to a teaspoon at a time. Start by adding breast

milk or formula to baby rice cereal, making a thin gruel not much thicker than milk.

Follow cereal with pureed vegetables, fruits and meats. Peas, carrots, squash, applesauce, bananas and pears are good first vegetables and fruits. They add important nutrients to a child's diet and babies tend to enjoy the tastes of these foods more than others.

Q: Is ice cream a good choice for a child's dessert?

A: Frozen dairy desserts are a great treat and a good source of energy and calcium for children and many adults.

Here's the scoop: One cup of most frozen dairy desserts contain at least 20 percent of the daily recommended value for calcium. Regular ice cream has approximately 16 to 18 grams of fat per cup. "Lite" ice cream has about half that amount. Low-fat ice cream has about six grams of fat per cup, while fat-free ice cream and frozen yogurt have no more than four grams of fat per cup. Sorbets are fat-free and sherbets contain just a small amount of fat. They can be high in sugar, but may also provide vitamin C.

Because fat contains essential fatty acids needed for proper growth and development, nutritionists don't recommend restricting the fat intake of a child under two years of age. For children over two years, using low-fat and fat-free dairy treats can help keep dietary fat intake at the recommended 30 percent of total daily calories. So, read the label and know what you are buying.



If you have a question about children's nutrition send it to: Kids' Nutrition Q&A, Nutrition Information Service, USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Room 176B, Houston, TX 77030. E-mail questions to: debbyd@bcm.tmc.edu. Individual responses are not possible, but selected questions will be answered in this column.

Genes may influence Alzheimer's

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP Science Writer

DENVER (AP) — Scientists have identified variations to a pair of genes that may influence whether and when Alzheimer's disease strikes the elderly.

The discoveries in two large studies of the genetic susceptibility to Alzheimer's are especially promising, scientists say, because they help to clarify the complex progress of the incurable, mind-robbing illness in its most common form.

That form, called late-onset Alzheimer's, strikes after age 60.

At least one of the genes appears to interact at a key juncture with other genes associated with Alzheimer's, making it a promising target for potential therapies.

The results from the studies by laboratories in Boston and Baltimore are to be published in the August issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

Most genetic research involves the rare early-onset form that affects middle-aged patients. But 90 percent of the 4 million Alzheimer's patients in the United States develop late-onset Alzheimer's after 60.

Scientific observers said the studies could help target the development of novel gene-based or drug treatments directly at the breakdown of key protein interactions in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

However, they cautioned that Alzheimer's is turning out to be more complex and have more variations than most diseases — and one biological approach may not prove to be common to all versions of the illness.

"If replicated, this would prove to be a very major finding," said Steven Moldin, acting chief of the Genetics Research Branch for the National Institutes of Mental Health.

In the first study, researchers at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health targeted the A2M gene on chromosome 12. They found that older Alzheimer patients are more likely to have a mutation, or flaw, in A2M than siblings who have not developed the illness.

Having the flaw appears to make a person more susceptible to developing late-onset Alzheimer's, said Rudolph Tanzi, director of the genetics and aging research unit at Massachusetts General.

Tanzi's group suggests that the protein produced in the brain by A2M is a vital link to the Alzheimer's process.

Previous studies have demonstrated that a healthy A2M gene flushes protein fragments that would clog the synapses, or junctions, where brain cells communicate.

A flawed A2M gene would literally gum up the works by allowing fragments to

accumulate, forming amyloid plaques that slow nerve signals and preventing the release of growth factors and other chemicals that keep cells healthy.

Over time, the deposits would lead to the dementia that is the hallmark of Alzheimer's, Tanzi said.

"This finding leads us directly to a protein pathway that we think drives the Alzheimer's disease process," Tanzi said. "Finding a way to mimic the normal function of A2M with a drug could give us a powerful therapeutic tool."

The second study, by researchers at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the University of Chicago, revisited another gene, APOE, that already had been associated with late-onset Alzheimer's. People who inherit one or two copies of a variant of the gene are believed to have a higher risk of developing the disease.

John Breitner of Johns Hopkins and his team studied the genetic profiles of nearly 5,000 very elderly people to see which variations of the APOE gene they carried.

The researchers found that by the time people reach age 100, half of them will develop Alzheimer's whether they carry the e4 variant or not. Breitner said it suggests the e4 variant elevates the risk of when a person develop Alzheimer's, but not whether they will get it.

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Father-in-Law's Computer Legacy Should Be Shared

DEAR ABBY: Last year my father-in-law passed away. Before he died, he left a letter on a computer disk for my daughter. I believe it is a short history of his life. My daughter is only 2 1/2, so I am saving it to give her when she is old enough to understand it.

Recently my mother-in-law requested a copy of the letter. I feel that since the letter was addressed specifically to my daughter, she should be asked if it's OK for someone else to read it. I personally have not read the letter, although I don't think my father-in-law would mind, but I feel it is a matter of principle. Am I being unreasonable in asking my mother-in-law to wait and ask my daughter herself in a few years' time?

WONDERING MOM

DEAR WONDERING MOM: Yes. You stated in your letter that you don't think your father-in-law would mind. Why stand on principle when to do so would deny your grieving mother-in-law access to what could be a treasured memory? Let her read the letter. I'm sure your daughter would approve.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were recently invited to the lavish wedding of the daughter of one of my civic club members. I have never met the bride or groom, and I'm unlikely ever to do so. I believe that strangers or even casual acquaintances have no place at



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

something so personal as a wedding. We declined the invitation and sent a nice card with our best wishes.

Abby, this couple went to Italy on their honeymoon. The bride's father is very wealthy. They want for nothing. It is doubtful that anything we could have given them would have measured up. (We are of modest means.)

At our next civic club meeting, the mother of the bride gave me the cold shoulder. She chattered on and on about the wedding and what a nice time everyone had, filling the society columnist seated next to her in on who was there, and the details.

Was I out of line to have sent only a card? Should we have attended the wedding in spite of the fact that we knew neither the groom nor the bride, and would have felt out of place?

SNUBBED IN SCHENECTADY

DEAR SNUBBED: Don't allow the mother's reaction to rattle you — you were not out of line. You have every right to

decline any invitation you wish. A card was appropriate, especially since you know neither the bride nor the groom.

DEAR ABBY: I love your column and I hope you will print this.

When I read the letter from "Lucky Old Guy in Oregon," whose wife is a health fanatic, I remembered the story about the couple who goes to heaven. It's really wonderful — everything it's cracked up to be, and more. There is beautiful scenery everywhere they look, choirs of angels singing, superlative food and wine, the chance to hobnob with Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, or any of the great thinkers.

After a few days, the man turns to his wife and says, "You know, I'm really mad at you."

"Why?" she asks. "What did I do?"

He says, "You and your healthy lifestyle — no salt, no booze, no sugar, no meat, no cigarettes, walk a mile every day. If it weren't for you, we could have been here 10 years ago!"

ERIC GORDON, VENICE, CALIF.

DEAR ERIC: I love your sense of humor. Thanks for sending this upper my way.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

TUESDAY, AUG. 18, 1998
 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Family matters still demand your attention. Make it your pleasure, rather than a necessity. Taking care of fundamentals allows you more freedom in the future. Optimism prevails, once you recharge your batteries. Question possibilities. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Determination is key. You can break down barriers and allow people the comfort of being who they are. Aim for what you want. Short cuts don't work. Be more in touch with your long-term goals. A friend comes through for you. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Use extreme caution with finances. Swings could be rather dramatic. Listen carefully to someone who has more financial savvy than you do. Your ability to negotiate helps you get better terms, but don't expect an agreement right away. Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 23)

A smile goes a long way in making your desires a reality. Listen more carefully to a child who

sincerely wants you to understand his perspective. Good news comes from a distance. Plan on a trip in the near future. Your voice conveys your feelings. Tonight: Just ask!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Maintain a low profile. Taming your need for attention is more important than you realize. Recognize limits, and be willing to take an unusual risk, but only after you have weighed it. A partner wants to contribute information. Tonight: Do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Get together with others. Your ideas don't need to conform, but it is important to share. New doors open, if you are willing to explore. Popularity peaks. Not only do friends gather, but a key associate also seeks you out. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't fight associates or try to convince them you are right. Your best bet is to focus on the job and get it done. Others are impressed by your abilities. Concentration helps you relax. Avoid obsessing on problems. Solutions are forthcoming. Tonight: A must show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Read between the lines. You only have part of the story. Dig through decisions, be willing to share more of what you want. Detachment helps you see another side to an issue. Make calls, reach out for others. Don't hesitate to get expert advice. Tonight: To the movies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Share with a partner. Listen, and be willing to meet him halfway. Emotional negotiations are as important as financial ones. Establish clearer understandings. Build on an already good feeling in an established tie. Tonight: Must I spell it out?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Others seek you out. You need to resolve something, but you aren't always clear about choices. Let others display their colors; then you will have a better grasp of what could be. Everything you hear overwhelms you! Laugh and stay light. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You dance to a different tune from others. That is one of your charms, but it also can be a liability. Be part of the group, pull in and dig into work. Don't worry; being a team player becomes you and opens you up. A new endeavor allows you more moneymaking opportunities. Tonight: Find the action.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others seek you out for solutions. Loving encounters allow another point of view. Let caring happen, and open up your relationship to its potential. You are more persuasive than you realize. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. You find solutions. Tonight: What you enjoy!

BORN TODAY

Actor Christian Slater (1969), actor Patrick Swayze (1954), actress Shelley Winters (1922)

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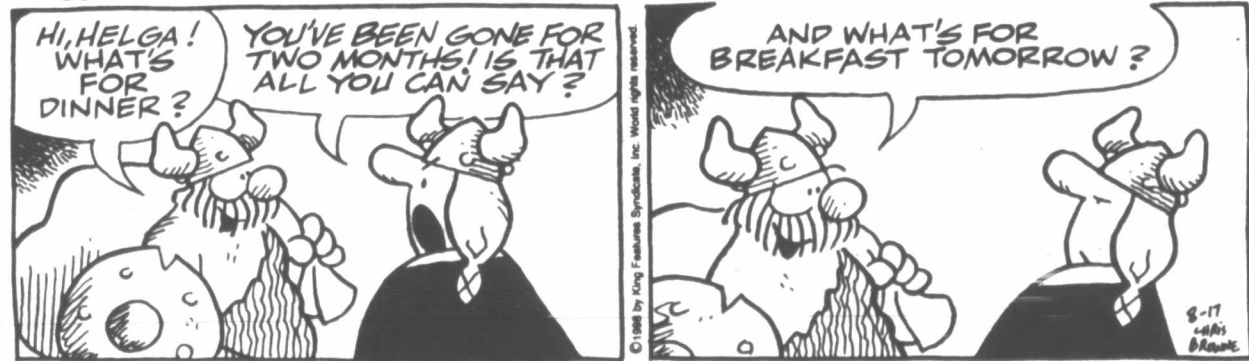
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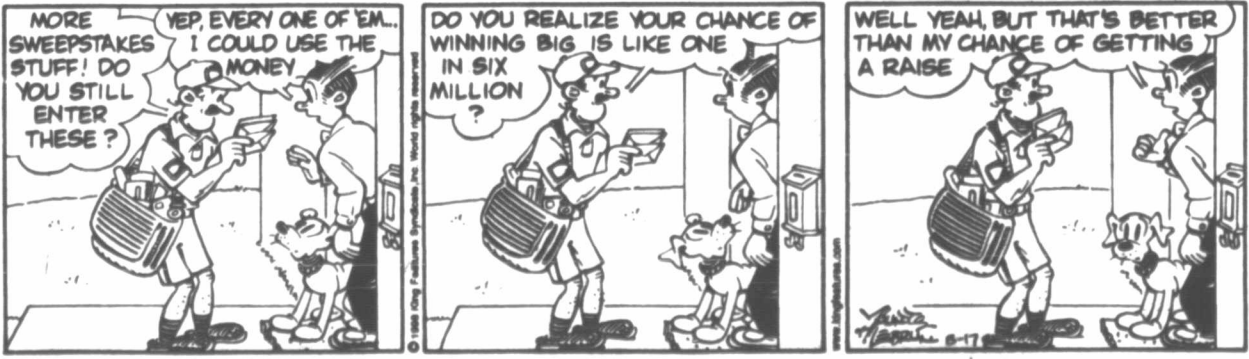
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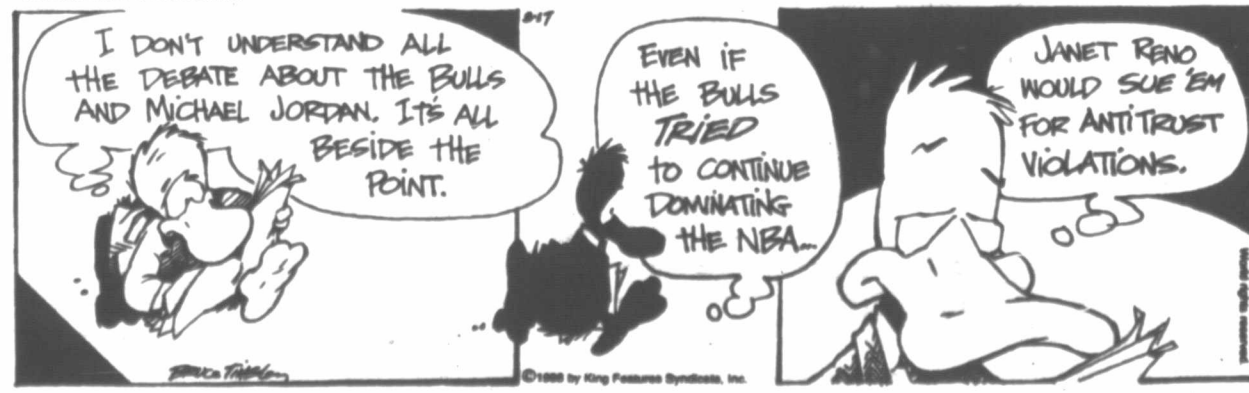
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Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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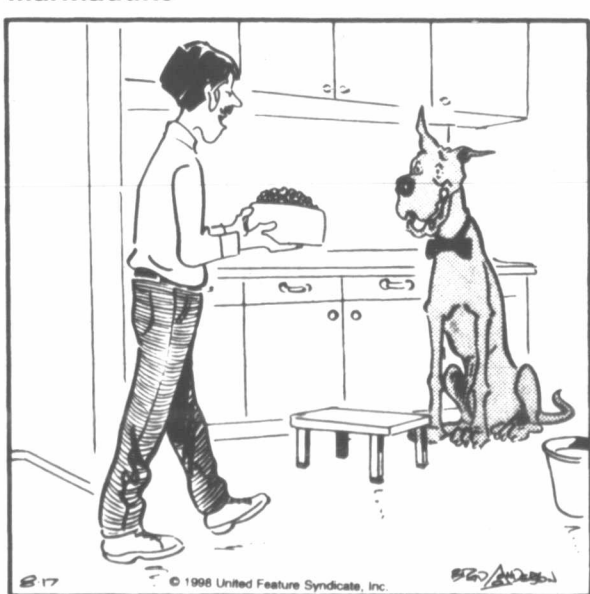
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- 26 Dry
- 27 Knight address
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- 39 Fix copy
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Saturday's Answer

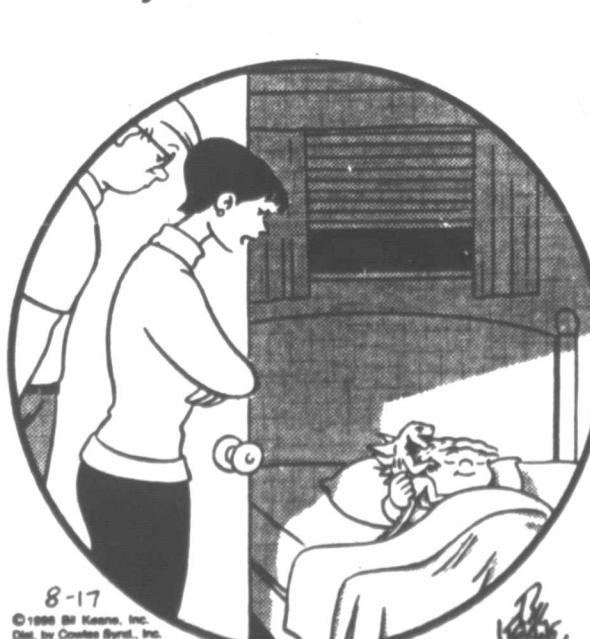
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25 Painter	32 Ways out
26 Joan	36 Writer

Marmaduke



"You may be dressed for formal dining, but you're still getting dog food."

The Family Circus



"I never thought of Godzilla as cuddly."

STUMPED?

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Spotlight on Pampa

by
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce



Franks Thriftway was honored as the Chamber Retail Committee Business of the Quarter. Ken Rheams, Martin Riphahn, Wayne Stribling, Christy Parker, John McKeon and Ed Ringering representing the Retail Committee present the plaque to Joe Stevens and Store Manager Jeff Stevens.



Top O' Texans Daisy Bennett and Mary McDaniel extend a warm welcome to Miss Rodeo Texas Danyelle Rideout, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce during the recent Rodeo week activities.



Top O' Texans Richard Morris, Richard Stowers, Mayor Bob Neslage and Scott Hahn joined in on the ribbon cutting at the Pampa Landfill.

"PICK-UP PAMPA" AT THE COUNTRY FAIR!!

Chairman Bill Bridges and members of the 1998 steering committee are gearing up for the Fourteenth Annual Country Fair, Saturday, October 17th at the M. K. Brown Auditorium!! It will be a great party with good food, lots of silent and live auction items, bingo and dance to the music of the TINY LYNN Band. You'll be reading more about the evening events in the September and October Newsletters. Mark your calendar now to come to the Country Fair, OCTOBER 17TH!

From the chairman...

It took a rodeo to generate some rain, and what a rodeo it was. A special thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. The Top of Texas Senior Golf Tournament has just completed its week. Many, many thanks to all the people who help make this event the wonderful time it is—the participants, their spouses, all the volunteers, and the businesses that lend their support.

The community rally to generate funds for the Pampa Center of Clarendon College was a high success, but we have to remember, our work is not done. We have a tremendous challenge ahead of us. We need to encourage all of our associates and acquaintances to commit to our future. This is not just for the college. It is for our families, our livelihood and our community. We need the support of the whole

city, and we need the support from everyone. The foundations are here, but let's try our best to save their money for a "rainy day".

The challenge we face is that the business climate is ever changing. Whether we're in agriculture, oil and gas, manufacturing, health, or retail, yesterday's standard is not always acceptable. Let's make our own standard. We don't necessarily have to play between the lines. Let's expand our horizons, enhance our lifestyles, and get everyone behind Clarendon College - Pampa Center. Don't wait. Do it now!! Remember, it not you or me, it we. Together, we can make it happen.

Richard W. Stowers, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

CHAMBER WELCOMES!!!

WARREN ELECTRIC COMPANY, Manager Ralph West, with the assistance of Jay operate the electrical supply company located at 3319 Highway 152 West.

SWEET REPEATS, a retail sales consignment clothing store is located at 115 North Cuyler and is owned and operated by Linda West and Sandy Willis.

A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC., with Investment Brokers Greg Brown and Richard Russell have located their office at 1224 North Hobart, Plaza 11, Suite 2.

DAVID and CATHY COOMBS are welcomed as an individual membership.

Support the businesses that support our Pampa area by utilizing the products and services of Chamber members!!

MEMBER BUSINESS NEWS

Tom Miller has taken over the reins at Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 West Kentucky.

LaTonne Douglas has been named the manager of Cellular One, 1329 North Hobart.

Tim Walker is now at the helm of the Church of Christ Mary Ellen & Harvester.

Mike Newberry is named Acting Unit Manager of Texaco USA., South of City.

Cabot Pampa Plant offers a big WELCOME to the following individuals:

Mohan Ganesan who recently worked at Cabot R&D and transferred to the Pampa Plant as Implementation Engineer.

Dennis Moore recently joined Cabot in the dual role of Treated Products Manager and Maintenance Manager. Dennis comes to Cabot from ISP Chemical Corporation located in Kentucky.

Denise Locknane has accepted the position of Plant Controller. Denise joined Cabot from IRI International and will assist the plant in all financial areas.

Share your Business News: Chamber Fax 669-3244 EMail: pamcoc@pampa.com



Robert Taylor, owner of Taylor's Men's Store, 109 North Cuyler was Gold Coated by Top O' Texans Ken Rheams, Kayla Pursley, Daisy Bennett, Mary McDaniel, Lyndon Fields and Bob Marx.



Linda West and Sandy Willis, owners of Sweet Repeats, 115 North Cuyler, were welcomed as new Chamber members by Gold Coats Ken Rheams, Lyndon Fields, Daisy Bennett, Bob Marx and Kayla Pursley.

Waters and Henry Urbanczyk welcomed guests at the Clarendon College/Chamber luncheon at M. K. Brown Auditorium.

Charlene Morriss, Scot Hahn, Bill Hallerberg, Jerry Foote, Joe Lowry, M.D., Mary McDaniel, Pat Montoya, Larry Baker, Lyndon Field, Kerrick Horton, Richard Stowers, Loyd Waters, Gladys Vanderpool, Julie Cooke, and Bob Neslage welcomed guests and hosts of the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament to Pampa during their week-long activities.

Mary McDaniel, Daisy Bennett, Bob Marx, Lyndon Field and Ken Rheams joined Robert Taylor at his Grand Opening of Taylor's Men's Store, 109 North Cuyler and welcomed co-owners Linda West and Sandy Willis of Sweet Repeats, a retail sales consignment store located at 115 North Cuyler as a new chamber member with a ribbon cutting.

What's happening?

COMMITTEE UPDATES — RETAIL

Chairman Bob Marx reports the Chamber news the 3rd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. on the KGRO/KMOX talk program. The committee meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All chamber member businesses are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee members meet for a dutch-treat lunch the first Monday of the month to discuss their contacts on past-due and prospective chamber members. Janie Shed brings up-to-date chamber information on KGRO/KOMX talk program, the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

TOURISM

Any interested Chamber member is welcome to participate on this committee. Loralee Cooley presents the Pampa area tourism activities the 4th Friday at 8:00 a.m., on the Chamber's KGRO/KMOX talk program.

TOP O' TEXANS

Chairman Mary McDaniel and Daisy Bennett welcomed Danyelle Rideout, Miss Rodeo Texas for 1998, to Pampa during Rodeo Week.

Mary McDaniel, Jerry Lane, Charlene Morriss and Pat Montoya participated in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade.

Joe Lowry, M.D., Katrina Bigham, Bill Hallerberg, Bob Neslage, Lee

AUGUST CHAMBER LUNCHEON

The Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 West Somerville, will sponsor the August 18th luncheon. Peggy's Place will begin serving at 11:45 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Lunch is \$6.50 per person.

Cindy Cooper, Employment Specialist, will be the guest speaker. Reservations are accepted until 9 a.m. on the 18th by calling the Chamber office, 669-3241. Bring a friend!!

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